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Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment
Office of Operations-Administrative Services
Fiscal/Compliance
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317
Attn: Ms. Susan Speake

To Whom It May concern:

RE: Financial Assurance
Office of Solid Waste
Permit Number(s): Permit No. S-0175 / Permit 251-S3N-R1
AFIN Number(s): 14-00028
Albemarle Corporation, 2270 Highway 79 South, Magnolia, AR, 71753

Please find an enclosed copy of the financial assurance disclosures as required within Regulation 22 for the solid waste facilities at the above referenced location.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (980) 999-5195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trey Fortenberry", is written over a faint rectangular box.

Trey Fortenberry
Corporate Environmental Manager
Albemarle Corporation

CC: Courtney Burgard, Albemarle

Reg.22.1405 – Allowable Mechanisms

As provided in 40 CFR 258.74 the mechanisms used to demonstrate financial assurance under this Chapter must ensure that the funds necessary to meet the costs of closure, post-closure care, and corrective action for known releases will be available whenever they are needed. Owners and operators must choose from the options specified in paragraphs (a) through (j) of this section. Financial assurance required by this chapter should be filed on forms developed and provided by the department.

LETTER FROM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Director
Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment
(DEQ)
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

I am the chief financial officer of Albemarle Corporation, 4250 Congress Street, Suite 900, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209. This letter is in support of this firm's use of the Financial Test to demonstrate financial assurance for closure and/or post-closure costs, as specified in Chapter 14 of APC&EC Regulation 22 (Solid Waste Management Act).

1. This firm is the owner or operator of the following facilities for which financial assurance for closure, post-closure care, corrective action, or the sum of the combination of such costs to be covered, and any other environmental obligations demonstrated through the financial test specified in Reg.22.1405 (e). The current closure and/or post-closure cost estimates covered by the test are shown for each facility.

a. Class 1 – 40 CFR part 258

Name & Permit Number: None
AFIN: _____
Physical Location: _____
Closure Cost Estimate: _____
Post-Closure Cost Estimate: _____

b. (1) Class 3 – 40 CFR part 258

Name & Permit Number: Albemarle-South Plant Landfill Permit No. 175-S
AFIN: 14-00028
Physical Location: 2270 Highway 79 South, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753
Closure Cost Estimate: \$1,858,136
Post-Closure Cost Estimate: \$452,341

(2) Class 3 – 40 CFR part 258

Name & Permit Number: Albemarle-South Plant Solid Waste Disposal Vault
Permit No. 251-53N-R1
AFIN: 14-00028
Physical Location: 2270 Highway 79 South, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753
Closure Cost Estimate: \$989,334
Post-Closure Cost Estimate: \$964,491

c. Class 4 – 40 CFR part 258

Name & Permit Number: None
AFIN: _____
Physical Location: _____
Closure Cost Estimate: _____
Post-Closure Cost Estimate: _____

d. (1) UIC Facilities – 40 CFR part 144

Name & Permit Number: UIC Well Permit No. 4-UR-3
AFIN: 14-00028
Physical Location: 2270 Highway 79 South, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753
Closure Cost Estimate: \$589,700
Post-Closure Cost Estimate: None

(2) UIC Facilities – 40 CFR part 144

Name & Permit Number: UIC Well Permit No. 4-UR-13

AFIN: 14-00028

Physical Location: 2270 Highway 79 South, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753

Closure Cost Estimate: \$501,200

Post-Closure Cost Estimate: None

e. Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Facilities – 40 CFR part 280

Name & Permit Number: None

AFIN: _____

Physical Location: _____

Closure Cost Estimate: _____

Post-Closure Cost Estimate: _____

f. PCB Storage Facilities – 40 CFR part 761

Name & Permit Number: None

AFIN: _____

Physical Location: _____

Closure Cost Estimate: _____

Post-Closure Cost Estimate: _____

g. Hazardous Waste TSD Facilities – 40 CFR parts 264 & 265

Name & Permit Number: South Plant CAO No. LIS 98-167 as amended by 98-167-001

AFIN: 14-00028

Physical Location: 2270 Highway 79 South, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753

Closure Cost Estimate: None

Post-Closure Cost Estimate: \$2,263,592

2. In states other than Arkansas, this firm, as owner or operator or guarantor, is demonstrating financial assurance for the closure or post-closure care of the following facilities through the use of a test equivalent or substantially equivalent to the financial test specified in Regulation 22, Chapter 14. The current closure and/or post-closure cost estimates covered by such a test are shown for each facility:

<u>EPA I.D. NO.</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>Closure Cost</u>	<u>Post-Closure Cost</u>
NJD 000310961	Albemarle Corporation 880 Main Street Middlesex County Sayreville, New Jersey 08872	\$0	\$4,190,000
<u>EPA I.D. NO.</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>Closure Cost</u>	<u>Post-Closure Cost</u>
GAD-980-843-155	Excalibur Realty Company 1219 Old Clyattville Road Valdosta, GA 31601	\$0	\$4,184,726

<u>EPA I.D. NO.</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>Closure Cost</u>	<u>Post-Closure Cost</u>
MDD062011796	Excalibur Realty (also known as "Venator Americas LLC") 7011 Muirkirk Road Beltsville, Maryland 20705	\$2,465,250	\$3,979,800

This firm is required to file a Form 10K with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the latest fiscal year.

The fiscal year of this firm ends on December 31. The figures for the following items marked with an asterisk are derived from this firm's independently audited, year-end financial statements for the latest completed fiscal year, ended December 31, 2024.

ALTERNATIVE I

1. Sum of current closure and post-closure estimates [total of all cost estimates shown in the 2 paragraphs above]: \$.
2. Total liabilities: \$.
3. Net Worth: \$.
4. Is line 2 divided by line 3 less than 1.5? Yes No.
5. The sum of the current closure, post-closure care, corrective action cost estimates and any other environmental obligations, including guarantees plus \$10 million: \$.
6. Tangible net worth: \$.
7. Is line 6 greater than line 5? Yes No.
8. Net worth: \$10,000,000 (must be at least \$10 million).
9. Line 8 plus the amount of any guarantees that have not been recognized as liabilities on the financial statements: \$.00 (provided all of the current closure, post-closure care, and corrective action costs and any other environmental obligations covered by a financial test are recognized as liabilities on the owner's or operator's audited financial statements).
10. Is line 6 greater than line 9? Yes No.
11. Total assets in U.S.? \$.
12. Is line 11 at least equal to line 1? Yes No.

ALTERNATIVE II

1. Sum of current closure and post-closure cost estimate \$22,438,570.
2. Current bond rating of most recent issuance of this firm and name of rating service: BBB, Standard & Poor's.
3. Date of issuance bond: May 2022
4. Date of maturity bond: June 2027, 2032, and 2052
5. Tangible net worth: \$ 7,819,475,000
6. Total assets in U.S. (required only if less than 90% of firm's assets are located in the U.S.): \$ 4,207,937,264
7. Is line 5 at least \$10 million? Yes
8. Is line 5 at least 6 times line 1? Yes
9. Are at least 90% of firm's assets located in the U.S.? If not complete line 10? No
10. Is line 6 at least 6 times line 1? Yes

I hereby certify that the wording of this letter is in compliance with wording specified in APC&EC Regulation 22.1405 (e)(2)(i)(A)(a) and (b), as such regulations were constituted on the date shown immediately below.



ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

Neal Sheorey
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

03/19/2026

Date

FINANCIAL COMPONENT

YES	NO	QUESTION		
☒	☐	<u>Does the owner or operator satisfy one (1) of the following three conditions:</u> Is the current bond rating of the owner or operator adequate? Indicate the appropriate Bond Rating and the source: <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>Standard and Poor's</u> ☐ AAA ☐ AA ☐ A ☒ BBB </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>Moody's</u> ☐ Aaa ☐ Aa ☐ A ☐ Baa </td> </tr> </table> [Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(i)(A)] OR	<u>Standard and Poor's</u> ☐ AAA ☐ AA ☐ A ☒ BBB	<u>Moody's</u> ☐ Aaa ☐ Aa ☐ A ☐ Baa
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☒	☐	Does the owner or operator have a ratio of less than 1.5 comparing total liabilities to net worth? ☒ $\frac{\text{Total Liabilities}}{\text{Net Worth}} < 1.5$ [Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(i)(B)] OR Does the owner or operator have a ratio of greater than 0.10 comparing the sum of net income plus depreciation, depletion and amortization, minus \$10 million, to total liabilities? ☒ $\frac{\text{Net income} + \text{depreciation} + \text{depletion} + \text{amortization} - \\$10 \text{ million}}{\text{Total Liabilities}} > 0.10$ [Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(i)(C)]		
☒	☐	<u>The tangible net worth of the owner or operator must be greater than:</u> The sum of the current closure, post-closure care, corrective action cost estimates and any other environmental obligations, including guarantees, covered by a financial test plus \$10 million except as provided in the paragraph below. Tangible net worth > <u>Current closure + post-closure + corrective action + other environmental obligations + \$10 million</u> [Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(ii)(A)] AND		
☒	☐	\$10 million in net worth plus the amount of any guarantees that have not been recognized as liabilities on the financial statements provided all of the current closure, post-closure care, and corrective action costs and any other environmental obligations covered by a financial test are recognized as liabilities on the owner's or operator's audited financial statements, and subject to the approval of the Director. [Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(ii)(B)]		

FINANCIAL COMPONENT (continued)

☒	☐	AND Does the owner or operator have assets located in the United States amounting to at least the sum of current closure, post-closure care, corrective action cost estimates and any other environmental obligations covered by a financial test as described in paragraph Reg.22.1405 (e)(3) Calculation of Costs to be Assured. [Reg.22.1405(e)(1)(iii)]
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RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The local government owner or operator must place the following documentation in the facility's operating record and furnish the information to the Director for approval:

YES	NO	N/A	DOCUMENTATION
☒	☐	☐	<u>A letter signed by the facility's chief financial officer that:</u> Lists all the current cost estimates for closure, post-closure care, corrective action, or the sum of the combination of such costs to be covered and any other environmental obligations assured by a financial test, including, but not limited to:
☒	☐	☐	Cost estimates required for municipal solid waste management facilities under 40 CFR part 258.
☒	☐	☐	Cost estimates required for UIC facilities under 40 CFR part 144.
☐	☐	☒	Cost estimates required for petroleum underground storage tank facilities under 40 CFR part 280.
☐	☐	☒	Cost estimates required for PCB storage facilities under 40 CFR part 761.
			Cost estimates required for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities under 40 CFR parts 264 and 265.
☒	☐	☐	[Reg.22.1405 (e)(2)(i)(A)(a)] Provides evidence demonstrating that the firm meets the conditions of the financial component, as described in Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(i)(A) or (e)(1)(i)(B) or (e)(1)(i)(C) and Reg.22.1405 (e)(1)(ii) and (e)(1)(iii). [Reg.22.1405 (e)(2)(i)(A)(b)] <i>An example letter containing requirements above is attached.</i>
☒	☐	☐	A report from an independent certified public accountant that examines the owner's or operator's financial statements for the latest completed fiscal year. If a report has been submitted, indicate the nature of the opinion rendered: ☒ Unqualified Opinion ☐ Disclaimer of Opinion or Adverse Opinion ☐ Qualified Opinion [Reg.22.1405 (e)(2)(i)(B)]
☐	☒	☐	Do the audited financial statements referred to in paragraph (e)(2)(i)(B) contain financial data that is <i>different</i> from financial data that is provided in the chief financial officer's letter showing that the owner or operator satisfies paragraph (e)(1)(i)(B) or (e)(1)(i)(C)?

☐	☐	☒	<u>If yes, the following applies:</u> A special report from the owner's or operator's independent certified public accountant to the owner or operator is required. The special report shall be based upon an agreed upon procedures engagement in accordance with professional auditing standards and shall describe the procedures performed in comparing the data in the chief financial officer's letter derived from the independently audited, year-end financial statements for the latest fiscal year with the amounts in such financial statements, the findings of that comparison, and the reasons for any differences [(e)(2)(i)(C)]
☒	☐	☐	Does the chief financial officer's letter provide a demonstration that the firm has assured for environmental obligations as provided in paragraph (e)(1)(ii)(B)?
☒	☐	☐	<u>If yes, the following applies:</u> The letter must include a report from the independent certified public accountant that verifies that all of the environmental obligations covered by a financial test have been recognized as liabilities on the audited financial statements, how these obligations have been measured and reported, and that the tangible net worth of the firm is at least \$10 million plus the amount of any guarantees provided. [(e)(2)(i)(D)]
☒	☐	☐	Has the owner or operator updated the information and placed the updated information in the operating record within 90 days following the close of the owner or operator's fiscal year, and provided the information to the Director for approval? Date the update information received by the Department? _ [(e)(2)(iii)]

Reviewed by: _

Date: _

Comments: _



Report of Independent Accountants

To the Board of Directors of Albemarle Corporation

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Albemarle Corporation (the "Company," as the engaging party), solely to assist you in evaluating the Company's compliance with certain requirements of the Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment during the period ended December 31, 2025. Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with those requirements. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

In an agreed-upon procedures engagement, we perform specific procedures that the Company has agreed to and acknowledged to be appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement and we report on findings based on the procedures performed. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The parties specified in this report have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose.

The procedures performed and results thereof are as follows.

We agreed the current bond rating (BBB) of the Company's most recent issuance and the name of the rating service (Standard & Poor's) set forth on line 2 under Alternative II of the Letter to the supporting schedule prepared by Company management. We also agreed the date of issuance of the bond (May 2022) set forth on line 3 and the date of maturity of the bond (June 2027, 2032, and 2052) set forth on line 4 under Alternative II of the Letter to the supporting schedule. We then agreed all the information on the supporting schedule to the Company's underlying December 31, 2025 audited financial statements without exception.

We agreed the amount of the Company's tangible net worth (\$7,819,475,000) set forth on line 5 under Alternative II of the Letter to a supporting schedule prepared by Company management. We also agreed the amounts on the supporting schedule to the Company's underlying December 31, 2025 audited consolidated balance sheet without exception. Tangible net worth was computed on the supporting schedule by subtracting the total of goodwill and other intangibles (net of amortization) from the total shareholders' equity (net of noncontrolling interests).

We agreed the total assets located in the United States (\$4,207,937,264) at December 31, 2025 set forth on line 6 under Alternative II of the Letter to a supporting schedule prepared by Company management. We agreed the supporting schedule of total assets located in the United States to the sum of all US entities' total assets from the general ledger without exception. We then agreed the consolidated total assets to the consolidated balance sheet total assets without exception.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). We were not engaged to and did not conduct an audit or an examination engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion, or a review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of a conclusion, on compliance. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we

performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

In performing this engagement, we are required to be independent of Albemarle Corporation and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Company and the Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Charlotte, NC
March 19, 2026

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

☒ **Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025

or

☐ **Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-12658

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

54-1692118
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

4250 Congress Street, Suite 900
Charlotte, North Carolina 28209
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (980) - 299-5700

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
COMMON STOCK, \$.01 Par Value	ALB	New York Stock Exchange
DEPOSITARY SHARES, each representing a 1/20th interest in a share of 7.25% Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock	ALB PR A	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for at least the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒
Non-accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐
Smaller reporting company ☐
Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C.7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report. ☒

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b). ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$7.4 billion based on the last reported sale price of common stock on June 30, 2025, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second quarter.

Number of shares of common stock outstanding as of February 4, 2026: 117,847,220

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of Albemarle Corporation's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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PART I

Item 1. Business.

Albemarle Corporation was incorporated in Virginia in 1993. Our principal executive offices are located at 4250 Congress Street, Suite 900, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209. Unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms “Albemarle,” “we,” “us,” “our” or “the Company” mean Albemarle Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Albemarle is a world leader in transforming essential resources into critical ingredients for mobility, energy, connectivity, and health. Our purpose is to enable a more resilient world. We partner to pioneer new ways to move, power, connect, and protect. The end markets we serve include grid storage, automotive, aerospace, conventional energy, electronics, construction, agriculture and food, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. We believe that our world-class resources with reliable and consistent supply, our leading process chemistry, high-impact innovation, customer centricity and focus on people and planet will enable us to maintain a leading position in the industries in which we operate.

We and our joint ventures currently operate more than 25 production and research and development (“R&D”) facilities, as well as a number of administrative and sales offices, around the world. As of December 31, 2025, we served approximately 1,900 customers in approximately 70 countries. For information regarding our unconsolidated joint ventures, see Note 8, “Investments,” to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report.

Business Segments

During 2025, we managed and reported our operations under three reportable segments: Energy Storage, Specialties and Ketjen. The segments are organized based on their similar markets, customers, economic characteristics and production processes. Financial results and discussion about our segments included in this report are organized according to these categories except where noted.

On October 25, 2025, the Company signed a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of Ketjen’s Refining Solutions business to ChemCat AcquisitionCo, LLC and contribute the remaining ownership interest to ChemCat Holdings, LP, a newly formed limited partnership (“Holdco”). The Refining Solutions business being divested and contributed is defined as the Company’s Ketjen reportable segment, excluding its PCS business and the Company’s 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. In a separate transaction, on January 23, 2026, the Company completed the sale of its 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A., a joint venture included in the Ketjen segment, to Axens SA. Following the completion of these transactions, the Company will retain the PCS business and common units of Holdco initially representing a 49% interest. We expect the Refining Solutions transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions. Upon completion of this transaction, we do not expect the retained business activity within the Ketjen segment to meet the criteria for a separate reportable segment.

For financial information regarding our reportable segments and geographic area information, see Note 25, “Segment and Geographic Area Information,” to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report.

Energy Storage Segment

Our Energy Storage business enables better lithium use through reliable supply and consistent quality. We develop and manufacture a broad range of basic lithium compounds, including lithium carbonate, lithium hydroxide, and lithium chloride. Lithium is a key component in products and processes used in a variety of applications and industries, which include lithium batteries used in consumer electronics and electric vehicles, power grids and solar panels, high performance greases and specialty glass used in consumer appliances and electronics, among other applications. We plan to continue to focus on the development of new products and applications.

Competition

The global lithium market is highly competitive and growing very rapidly. It is characterized by aggressive expansion and entry from existing and new players, including automotive OEMs, commodity traders, junior miners, and large, well-capitalized diversified miners. Producers are primarily located in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Australia. Major competitors in lithium compounds include Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile S.A., Sichuan Tianqi Lithium, Jiangxi Ganfeng Lithium, Rio Tinto plc, Pilbara Minerals, Tesla and a large number of additional Chinese companies. Competition in the global lithium market is increasingly based on index-based market pricing and differentiated via product quality, product diversity, reliability of supply and customer service.

Raw Materials and Significant Supply Sources

We obtain lithium: (a) by purchasing lithium concentrate from our 49%-owned joint venture, Windfield Holdings Pty. Ltd. ("Windfield"), which directly owns 100% of the equity of Talison Lithium Pty. Ltd., a company incorporated in Australia ("Talison") that owns the Greenbushes mine, and from our 50%-owned unincorporated joint venture, MARBL Lithium Joint Venture ("MARBL") in Western Australia, which owns the Wodgina hard rock lithium mine project ("Wodgina"); and (b) through solar evaporation of our ponds at the Salar de Atacama, in Chile, and in Silver Peak, Nevada. In addition, we hold mineral rights in defined areas of Kings Mountain, North Carolina with available lithium resources and we own undeveloped land with access to a lithium resource in Antofalla, within the Catamarca Province of Argentina. See Item 2. Properties, for additional disclosures of our lithium mineral properties.

Specialties Segment

Our Specialties business optimizes our portfolio of bromine and highly specialized lithium solutions. Our Specialties business serves a variety of industries, including energy, mobility, connectivity, and health. Specialty products are essential in both internal combustion and electric vehicles, from high-voltage cables and powertrains to airbags and tires. We enable digital innovation focused on safety and reliability, including fire safety compounds. Our fire safety technology enables the use of plastics in high performance, high heat applications by enhancing the flame resistant properties of these materials. End market products that benefit from our fire safety technology include plastic enclosures for consumer electronics, printed circuit boards, wire and cable products, electrical connectors, textiles and foam insulation. In energy, infrastructure for renewable grid and electrified transport is enabled by our fire safety solutions. In health, our lithium specialties products are precursors for many pharmaceuticals, while bromine specialties are used to help ensure safer food and water supplies. Other bromine-based specialty chemicals products include elemental bromine, alkyl bromides, inorganic bromides, brominated powdered activated carbon and a number of bromine fine chemicals. Our value-added lithium specialties products include butyllithium and lithium aluminum hydride. Our lithium specialties business are used in a variety of applications and industries including organic synthesis processes in the areas of steroid chemistry and vitamins, various life science applications, as well as intermediates in the pharmaceutical industry, among other applications. We also develop and manufacture cesium products for the chemical and pharmaceutical industries, and zirconium, barium and titanium products for various pyrotechnical applications, including airbag initiators. A number of customers of our Specialties business operate in cyclical industries, including the consumer electronics and oil field industries. As a result, demand from our customers in such industries is also cyclical.

Our lithium specialties business also provides technical services, including the handling and use of reactive lithium products. We also offer our customers recycling services for lithium-containing by-products resulting from synthesis with organolithium products, lithium metal and other reagents. We plan to continue to focus on the development of new products and applications.

Competition

Our Specialties business serves markets in the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, each of which is highly competitive. Product performance and quality, price and contract terms are the primary factors in determining which qualified supplier is awarded a contract. R&D, product and process improvements, specialized customer services, the ability to attract and retain skilled personnel and maintenance of a good safety record have also been important factors to compete effectively in the marketplace. Our most significant competitors are Lanxess AG, Israel Chemicals Ltd and Rio Tinto, as well as producers in India and China.

Raw Materials and Significant Supply Sources

The bromine we use is originally sourced from two locations: Arkansas and the Dead Sea. Our bromine production operations in Arkansas are supported by an active brine rights leasing program. In addition, through our 50% interest in Jordan Bromine Company Limited ("JBC"), a consolidated joint venture established in 1999 with operations in Safi, Jordan, we acquire bromine that is originally sourced from the Dead Sea. JBC processes the bromine at its facilities into a variety of end products. See Item 2. Properties, for additional disclosures for our mineral properties. The lithium concentrate used in our lithium specialties products are originally sourced from the same sources as the Energy Storage lithium concentrate noted above.

Ketjen Segment

Our three main product lines in this segment are (i) Clean Fuels Technologies ("CFT"), which is primarily composed of hydroprocessing catalysts ("HPC") together with isomerization and alkylation catalysts; (ii) fluidized catalytic cracking ("FCC") catalysts and additives; and (iii) performance catalyst solutions ("PCS"), which is primarily composed of

organometallics and curatives. Following completion of the divestiture transactions noted previously, the Company will retain the PCS business and a 49% ownership interest in Holdco, a refining solutions joint venture.

We offer a wide range of HPC products, which are applied throughout the oil refining industry. Their application enables the upgrading of oil fractions to clean fuels and other usable oil feedstocks and products by removing sulfur, nitrogen and other impurities from the feedstock. In addition, they improve product properties by adding hydrogen and in some cases improve the performance of downstream catalysts and processes. We continuously seek to add more value to refinery operations by offering HPC products that meet our customers' requirements for profitability and performance in the very demanding refining market.

We provide our customers with customized FCC catalyst systems, which assist in the high yield cracking of refinery petroleum streams into derivative, higher-value products such as transportation fuels and petrochemical feedstocks like propylene. Our FCC additives are used to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide in FCC units and to increase liquefied petroleum gas olefins yield, such as propylene, and to boost octane in gasoline. Ketjen offers unique refinery catalysts to crack and treat the lightest to the heaviest feedstocks while meeting refinery yield and product needs.

Within our PCS product line, we manufacture organometallic co-catalysts (e.g., aluminum, magnesium, and zinc alkyls) used in the manufacture of alpha-olefins (e.g., hexene, octene, decene), polyolefins (e.g., polyethylene and polypropylene), and electronics. Our curatives include a range of curing agents used in polyurethanes, epoxies and other engineered resins.

Competition

Our Ketjen segment serves the global market including the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, each of which is highly competitive. Competition in these markets is driven by a variety of factors. Product performance, quality, price, contract terms, product and process improvements, specialized customer services, the ability to attract and retain skilled technical support, and the maintenance of a good safety record are the primary factors to compete effectively in the catalysts marketplace. In addition, through our research and development programs, we strive to differentiate our business by developing value-added products based on proprietary technologies.

Our major competitors in the CFT catalysts market include Shell Catalysts & Technologies, Advanced Refining Technologies and Haldor Topsoe. Our major competitors in the FCC catalysts market include W.R. Grace & Co. and BASF Corporation. In the PCS market, our major competitors include Nouryon, Lanxess AG and Arxada.

Raw Materials and Significant Supply Sources

The major raw materials we use in our Ketjen operations include sodium silicate, sodium aluminate, kaolin, aluminum, ethylene, alpha-olefins, isobutylene, toluene and metals, such as lanthanum, molybdenum, nickel and cobalt, most of which are readily available from numerous independent suppliers and are purchased or provided under contracts at prices we believe are competitive. The cost of raw materials is generally based on market prices, although we may use contracts with price caps or other tools, as appropriate, to mitigate price volatility.

Human Capital

Our main human capital management objectives are to attract, retain and develop the highest quality talent and ensure they feel safe, supported and empowered to do the best work they can do. We endeavor to provide a workplace that facilitates opportunities for innovation, fosters good decision-making practices, and promotes employee engagement and high productivity across our organization.

As of December 31, 2025, we had approximately 7,800 employees, including employees of our consolidated joint ventures, of whom 3,100, or 40%, are employed in the U.S. and the Americas; 2,600, or 33%, are employed in Asia Pacific; 1,500, or 19%, are employed in Europe; and 600, or 8%, are employed in the Middle East or other areas. Approximately 26% of these employees are represented by unions or works councils. We strive to foster positive relationships with our employees and their representatives.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of our employees is a core value at Albemarle and is integral to how we conduct business. Our employees, contractors, and visitors are instructed to follow a comprehensive set of written health and safety policies and procedures at both corporate and local sites. Our internal incident and issues management system gives all employees the ability to report incidents anonymously without fear of retaliation, and allow us to be more proactive in developing safety programs that address at-risk conditions or behaviors which could lead to an incident. We routinely audit ourselves against our policies, procedures and standards, using internal and third-party resources. We include health and safety metrics in our annual incentive

plan to further incentivize our employees' commitment to safety. In 2025, we maintained our Occupational Safety and Health Act ("OSHA") occupational injury and illness incident rate of 0.16 for our employees and nested contractors, compared to 0.13 in 2024. In addition, we provide all employees and their dependents with access to our Employee Assistance Program, which provides free mental and behavioral health resources.

Talent and Culture

Investing in talent is a critical process for Albemarle because it allows us to be proactive and anticipate key organizational needs for talent and capabilities. This enables us to efficiently and effectively ensure that we have the right talent pipeline to drive Albemarle's success into the future. We provide leadership development through performance coaching, comprehensive feedback, plant training including health, safety and environmental topics, and experiential development and mentoring. Our leadership development is a cornerstone to our talent management strategy. We invest in our people through enhanced training and development opportunities and by seeking to foster a culture that enables employees to feel a sense of belonging and reach their full potential.

It is important for us to have a workforce of highly engaged employees who understand how their work connects to Albemarle's purpose and values. We have measured strong employee engagement through an empowerment survey, which tracks job satisfaction and how likely an employee is to recommend Albemarle to people they know. In addition, we are committed to empowering and supporting the next generation of talent in their career development by engaging in various initiatives to attract qualified candidates to our internship, co-op and rotational development programs.

Our incentive program is designed to provide incentives and rewards for achieving Albemarle's annual goals and objectives. The Executive Compensation and Talent Development Committee of the Board has the overall responsibility of evaluating the performance of the CEO and approving the compensation structure for senior management. The Executive Compensation and Talent Development Committee determines performance goals under our incentive program annually to ensure our executive officers execute on short-term financial and strategic initiatives that drive our business strategy and long-term shareholder value.

We develop holistic initiatives to foster a values-driven workplace where all individuals feel a sense of belonging as they grow in their professions. We continue to pursue strategies and partnerships to attract highly qualified applicants from all backgrounds and assess promotion, retention, and turnover data to identify potential opportunities for greater inclusion efforts.

We seek to provide employees with a desirable workplace that will enable us to attract and retain top talent. We believe employees should be fairly compensated through wages and benefits, based on experience, expertise, performance, and the criticality of their roles in the Company. We perform an annual review of our pay practices to ensure that they are fair and equitable.

Human Rights and Labor Practice

Albemarle is guided by its Code of Conduct, which sets forth the high ethical standards we have for all employees and encourages a 'Speak Up' culture. We understand our responsibility to uphold the human rights of our employees, workers in our supply chain, members of our communities and other stakeholders. We recognize the human rights of our stakeholders as expressed in the International Bill of Human Rights and the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. We acknowledge the human rights of Indigenous Peoples in culturally sensitive locations, such as Chile and Western Australia, where our sites are located on Indigenous Peoples' lands through clear policy commitments, due diligence initiatives, formal community agreements and accessible grievance mechanisms for reporting concerns.

Albemarle offers multiple avenues for employees and stakeholders to raise concerns. We maintain internal investigation standards to thoroughly review and address concerns that may arise. We take measures to maintain confidentiality, protect the integrity of all investigations, and prevent retaliation against those who speak up in good faith. In conducting investigations, we are committed to the U.N. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Sales, Marketing and Distribution

We have an international strategic account program that uses cross-functional teams to serve large global customers. This program emphasizes creative strategies to improve and strengthen strategic customer relationships with emphasis on creating value for customers and promoting post-sale service. Complementing this program are regional Albemarle sales and technical personnel who serve our global customer base. We also utilize sales representatives and specialists in specific market areas when necessary or required by law.

Research and Development

We believe that in order to generate revenue growth, maintain our margins and remain competitive, we must continually invest in research and development, product and process improvements and specialized customer services. Our research and development efforts support each of our business segments. The objective of our research and development efforts is to develop innovative chemistries and technologies with applications relevant within targeted key markets through both process and new product development. Through research and development, we continue to seek increased margins by introducing value-added products and proprietary processes and innovative green chemistry technologies. Our green chemistry efforts focus on the development of products in a manner that minimizes waste and the use of raw materials and energy, avoids the use of toxic reagents and solvents and utilizes safe, environmentally friendly manufacturing processes. Green chemistry is encouraged with our researchers through periodic focus group discussions and special rewards and recognition for outstanding new green developments.

Intellectual Property

Our intellectual property, including our patents, licenses and trade names, is an important component of our business. As of December 31, 2025, we owned more than 1,500 active patents and more than 750 pending patent applications in key strategic markets worldwide. We also have acquired rights under patents and inventions of others through licenses, and we license certain patents and inventions to third parties. The Company believes the duration of its intellectual property rights is adequate relative to the expected lives of its products and services.

Regulation

Our business is subject to a broad array of employee health and safety laws and regulations, including those under the OSHA (see OSHA occupational injury and illness incident rate above). We also are subject to similar state laws and regulations as well as local laws and regulations for our non-U.S. operations. We devote significant resources and have developed and implemented comprehensive programs to promote the health and safety of our employees, and we maintain an active health, safety and environmental program.

Our business and our customers are subject to significant requirements under the European Community Regulation for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH"). REACH imposes obligations on European Union manufacturers and importers of chemicals and other products into the European Union to compile and file comprehensive reports, including testing data, on each chemical substance, and perform chemical safety assessments. Additionally, substances of high concern, as defined under REACH, are subject to an authorization process. Authorization may result in restrictions in the use of products by application or even banning the product. REACH regulations impose significant additional responsibilities on chemical producers, importers, downstream users of chemical substances and preparations, and the entire supply chain. Our significant manufacturing presence and sales activities in the European Union require significant compliance costs and may result in increases in the costs of raw materials we purchase and the products we sell. Increases in the costs of our products could result in a decrease in their overall demand; additionally, customers may seek products with lower regulatory compliance requirements, which could also result in a decrease in the demand of certain products subject to the REACH regulations.

The Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), as amended in June 2016, requires chemicals to be assessed against a risk-based safety standard and calls for the elimination of unreasonable risks identified during risk evaluation. This regulation and other pending initiatives at the U.S. state level, as well as initiatives in Canada, Asia and other regions, will potentially require toxicological testing and risk assessments of a wide variety of chemicals, including chemicals used or produced by us. These assessments may result in heightened concerns about the chemicals involved and additional requirements being placed on the production, handling, labeling or use of the subject chemicals. Such concerns and additional requirements could also increase the cost incurred by our customers to use our chemical products and otherwise limit the use of these products, which could lead to a decrease in demand for these products.

Historically, there has been scrutiny of certain brominated fire safety solutions by regulatory authorities, legislative bodies and environmental interest groups in various countries. We manufacture a broad range of brominated fire safety solution products, which are used in a variety of applications. Concern about the impact of some of our products on human health or the environment may lead to regulation or reaction in our markets independent of regulation.

Environmental Regulation

We are subject to numerous foreign, federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including those governing the discharge of pollutants into the air and water, the management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

and the cleanup of contaminated properties. Ongoing compliance with such laws and regulations is an important consideration for us. Key aspects of our operations are subject to these laws and regulations. In addition, we incur substantial capital and operating costs in our efforts to comply with them.

We use and generate hazardous substances and wastes in our operations and may become subject to claims for personal injury and/or property damage relating to the release of such substances into the environment. In addition, some of our current properties are, or have been, used for industrial purposes, which could contain currently unknown contamination that could expose us to governmental requirements or claims relating to environmental remediation, personal injury and/or property damage. Liabilities associated with the investigation and cleanup of hazardous substances, as well as personal injury, property damages or natural resource damages arising from the release of, or exposure to, such hazardous substances, may be imposed in many situations without regard to violations of laws or regulations or other fault, and may also be imposed jointly and severally (so that a responsible party may be held liable for more than its share of the losses involved, or even the entire loss). Such liabilities also may be imposed on many different entities with a relationship to the hazardous substances at issue, including, for example, entities that formerly owned or operated the property affected by the hazardous substances and entities that arranged for the disposal of the hazardous substances at the affected property, as well as entities that currently own or operate such property. We are subject to such laws, including the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as CERCLA or Superfund, in the U.S., and similar foreign and state laws. We may have liability as a potentially responsible party ("PRP") with respect to active off-site locations under CERCLA or state equivalents. We have sought to resolve our liability as a PRP at these sites through indemnification by third parties and settlements, which would provide for payment of our allocable share of remediation costs. Because the cleanup costs are estimates and are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the extent of remediation required, and in some cases we have asserted a defense to any liability, our estimates could change. Moreover, liability under CERCLA and equivalent state statutes may be joint and several, which could require us to pay in excess of our pro rata share of remediation costs. Our understanding of the financial strength of other PRPs has been considered, where appropriate, in estimating our liabilities. Accruals for these matters are included in the environmental reserve. Our management is actively involved in evaluating environmental matters and, based on information currently available to us, we have concluded that our outstanding environmental liabilities for unresolved waste sites currently known to us should not have a material effect on our operations.

See "Safety and Environmental Matters" in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for further details.

Climate Change and Natural Resources

Concerns about climate change and the related regulations may provide us with new or expanded business opportunities. We provide solutions to companies pursuing alternative transportation vehicles and energy storage technologies and other similar solutions. In connection with the demand for, and legislation mandating or incentivizing the use of, alternative technologies that limit or eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, we continue to monitor the market and offer solutions where we have appropriate technology and believe we are well positioned to take advantage of opportunities that may arise from such demand or legislation.

We acknowledge our responsibility to address the impact of our operations on the environment. We invest in technology and people to reduce energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and air emissions. We have established greenhouse gas emission targets for each of our businesses, including reducing the scope 1 and 2 carbon-intensity of our Specialties and Ketjen segments by 35% by 2030 (from a 2019 baseline), and growing our Energy Storage segment in a carbon-intensity neutral manner through 2030.

Water is a critical input to Albemarle's production operations. As water is a scarce resource, we understand the need to responsibly manage our water consumption not only for the preservation of the environment, but also for the viability of our local communities. We are investing in new process technologies to reduce our water footprint and expand capacity sustainably in locations with high water risk. Our goal is to reduce our intensity of freshwater usage by 25% by 2030 (from a 2019 baseline) in areas of high or extremely high water risk, such as Chile and Jordan, as defined by the World Resources Institute.

Our businesses are dependent on the availability and responsible management of natural resources. We manage our natural resources to operate efficiently and preserve the environment for our local communities and the world. Our natural resource management includes mineral resource transparency with local communities, governments, regulators and other key stakeholders, as well as leveraging industry best practices in lithium production for the assurance of responsible mining. We attempt to maximize the recovery of our extracted minerals and recycle or reuse co-products where possible. In addition, we work with local communities, regulatory agencies and wildlife organizations to preserve and restore land and biodiversity before, during and after all operations commence.

Recent Acquisitions, Joint Ventures and Divestitures

The following is a summary of our significant acquisitions and joint venture agreement restructurings over the last three years.

On October 25, 2025, the Company signed a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of Ketjen's Refining Solutions business to ChemCat AcquisitionCo, LLC. The Refining Solutions business being divested is defined as the Company's Ketjen reportable segment, excluding its PCS business and the Company's 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. (which the Company divested in a separate transaction as described below). Following the completion of the transactions contemplated in the definitive agreement (collectively, the "Refining Solutions Business Transaction"), the Company will receive an estimated \$536 million in cash and will own 49% of the common units of Holdco. The Company expects the Refining Solutions Business Transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions.

In a separate transaction, on January 23, 2026, the Company completed the sale of its 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A., a joint venture included in the Refining Solutions reporting unit, for €105 million (approximately \$123 million using foreign exchange rates on the closing date) in cash, to Axens SA.

On October 18, 2023, the Company closed on the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with Mineral Resources Limited ("MRL"), whereby Albemarle acquired the remaining 40% ownership of the Kemerton lithium hydroxide processing facility in Australia that was jointly owned with MRL through the MARBL joint venture. Following this restructuring, Albemarle and MRL each own 50% of Wodgina, and MRL operates the Wodgina mine on behalf of the joint venture. During the fourth quarter of 2023, Albemarle paid MRL approximately \$380 million in cash, which includes \$180 million of consideration for the remaining ownership of Kemerton as well as a payment for the economic effective date of the transaction being retroactive to April 1, 2022.

These transactions reflect our commitment to investing in future growth of our high priority businesses.

Available Information

Our website address is www.albemarle.com. We make available free of charge through our website our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), as well as beneficial ownership reports on Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed pursuant to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after such documents are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The information on our website is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this report or incorporated into any other filings we make with the SEC. The SEC also maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding SEC registrants, including Albemarle.

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Conduct and the charters of the Audit and Finance, Capital Investment, Sustainability, Safety and Public Policy, Executive Compensation and Talent Development, and Nominating and Governance Committees of our Board of Directors are also available on our website and are available in print to any shareholder upon request by writing to Investor Relations, 4250 Congress Street, Suite 900, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209, or by calling (980) 299-5700.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Risk Factor Summary

The following is a summary of some of the principal risks that could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. This summary should be read together with the more detailed description of each risk contained below.

Risks Related to Our Business

- Our substantial international operations subject us to risks of doing business in foreign countries, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.
- Our inability to secure key raw materials, or to pass through increases in costs and expenses for other raw materials and energy, on a timely basis or at all could have an adverse effect on the margins of our products and our results of operations.

- Competition within our industry may place downward pressure on the prices and margins of our products and may adversely affect our businesses and results of operations.
- Our research and development efforts may not succeed in addressing changes in our customers' needs, and our competitors may develop more effective or successful products.
- The development of non-lithium battery technologies could adversely affect us.
- Development projects are inherently risky and may require more capital than anticipated or not prove to be economically viable based on ultimate costs and returns of a project, which could adversely affect our business. The development of our mines and operations are also subject to other project specific risks.
- We are subject to risks related to brine extraction limits, particularly with respect to our early warning plan at our facilities in Chile.
- Downturns in our customers' industries, which may be cyclical or affected by changes in governing administrations, could adversely affect our sales and profitability.
- The results of the Refining Solutions business are subject to fluctuation because of irregularities in the demand for our HPC catalysts and certain of our agrichemicals.
- Regulation, or the threat of regulation, of some of our products could have an adverse effect on our sales and profitability.
- We could be subject to damages based on claims brought against us by our customers or lose customers as a result of the failure of our products to meet certain quality specifications.
- Our business is subject to hazards common to chemical and natural resource extraction businesses, any of which could injure our employees or other persons, damage our facilities or other properties, interrupt our production and adversely affect our reputation and results of operations.
- Our business could be adversely affected by environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.
- Our operations could be adversely affected by local communities and/or other stakeholders.
- We may be subject to indemnity claims and liable for other payments relating to properties or businesses we have divested, including in connection with the divestiture of the controlling interest in our Refining Solutions business.
- We could be adversely affected by violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar foreign anti-corruption laws, and in the past have paid fines in order to resolve self-reported potential violations of such laws.
- Our inability to protect our intellectual property rights, or being accused of infringing on intellectual property rights of third parties, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.
- Our inability to acquire or develop lithium or bromine reserves that are economically viable could have a material adverse effect on our future profitability.
- Demand and market prices for lithium will greatly affect the value of our investment in our lithium resources and conversion facilities, and conversion plants and our revenues and profitability generally.
- If we are unable to retain key personnel or attract new skilled personnel, it could have an adverse effect on our business.
- Some of our employees are unionized, represented by works councils or are employed subject to local laws that are less favorable to employers than the laws of the U.S.
- Our joint ventures may not operate according to their business plans if our partners fail to fulfill their obligations, which may adversely affect our results of operations and may force us to dedicate additional resources to these joint ventures.

Risks Related to Our Financial Condition

- Our required capital expenditures can be complex, may experience delays or other difficulties, and the costs may exceed our estimates.
- We will need a significant amount of cash to service our indebtedness and our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control.
- Because a significant portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries and joint ventures, our ability to service our debt may be dependent on our receipt of distributions or other payments from our subsidiaries and joint ventures.
- Changes in credit ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations could adversely affect our cost of financing, the market price of our securities and our debt service obligations.

- Write-offs or impairment of our goodwill, intangible assets or long-lived assets can result in significant charges to earnings.
- Our business could suffer if we are not successful in executing our strategy and initiatives in connection with our comprehensive review of our cost and operating structure.
- We are exposed to fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which may adversely affect our operating results and net income.
- Significant or prolonged periods of higher interest rates may have an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.
- Inflationary trends in the price of our input costs, such as raw materials, transportation and energy, could adversely affect our business and financial results.
- Changes in, or the interpretation of, tax legislation or rates throughout the world could materially impact our results.
- Future events may impact our deferred tax asset position and U.S. deferred federal income taxes on undistributed earnings of international affiliates that are considered to be indefinitely reinvested.
- Our business and financial results may be adversely affected by various legal and regulatory proceedings.
- Although our pension plans currently meet minimum funding requirements, events could occur that would require us to make significant contributions to the plans and reduce the cash available for our business.
- We may discontinue or divest all or part of a particular business or plant as we periodically assess our business structure. Any such discontinuation or divestitures may introduce significant risks and uncertainties.
- We may not be able to consummate future acquisitions or integrate acquisitions into our business, which could result in unanticipated expenses and losses.

General Risk Factors

- Adverse conditions in the economy, and volatility and disruption of financial markets can negatively impact our customers, suppliers and other business partners and therefore have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.
- Our business and operations could suffer in the event of cybersecurity breaches, information technology system failures, or network disruptions.
- Integration of AI technologies into our operations may introduce new risks, require significant additional investment, and materially impact our competitive position if unsuccessful.
- The occurrence or threat of extraordinary events, including domestic and international terrorist attacks, may disrupt our operations and increase costs.
- National or international disputes, political instability, terrorism war or armed hostilities, could impact our results of operations.
- Natural disasters or other unanticipated catastrophes could impact our operations and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.
- Our insurance may not fully cover all potential exposures.
- We may be exposed to certain regulatory and financial risks related to climate change.
- Failure to meet sustainability expectations or standards or achieve our sustainability goals could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, or stock price.

Risk Factors

You should consider carefully the following risks when reading the information, including the financial information, contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. As noted in Item 1. Business above, the Company has entered into definitive agreements to divest the controlling ownership interest in its Refining Solutions business, with the transactions expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026. Upon completion of the transactions, the Company will still maintain a 49% ownership interest in the Refining Solutions business and all of its PCS business. Certain of the risks included in this section relate to the Refining Solutions business and will continue to be risks for the Company upon completion of the divestiture, however, the potential adverse impact of such risks that primarily pertain to the Refining Solutions business on our cash flows, results of operations and financial condition may no longer be material.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our substantial international operations subject us to risks of doing business in foreign countries, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We conduct a substantial portion of our business outside the U.S., with approximately 83% of our net sales to foreign countries. We operate in, and/or sell our products to customers in, approximately 70 countries. We currently have many production, research and development and administrative facilities as well as sales offices located outside the U.S., as detailed in Item 2. Properties. Accordingly, our business is subject to risks related to the differing legal, political, social and regulatory requirements and economic conditions of many jurisdictions. Risks inherent in international operations include the following:

- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates may affect product demand and may adversely affect the profitability in U.S. dollars of products and services we provide in international markets where payment for our products and services is made in the local currency;
- transportation and other shipping costs may increase, or transportation may be inhibited;
- increased cost or decreased availability of raw materials;
- increased regulations on, or reduced access to, scarce resources, such as freshwater;
- changes in foreign laws and tax rates or U.S. laws and tax rates with respect to foreign income may unexpectedly increase the rate at which our income is taxed, impose new and additional taxes on remittances, repatriation or other payments by subsidiaries, or cause the loss of previously recorded tax benefits;
- delays in obtaining or renewing, or the inability to obtain, maintain or renew, or the renegotiation, cancellation, revocation or forced modification of existing contracts, leases, licenses, permits or other agreements and/or approvals;
- trade sanctions by or against foreign countries in which we do business could result in our losing access to customers and suppliers in those countries;
- unexpected adverse changes in foreign laws or regulatory requirements may occur;
- our agreements with counterparties in foreign countries may be difficult for us to enforce and related receivables may be difficult for us to collect;
- compliance with the variety of foreign laws and regulations may be unduly burdensome;
- compliance with anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws (such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act) as well as anti-money-laundering laws may be costly;
- compliance with changing cybersecurity rules and evolving data privacy rules and regulation, such as the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, could increase our cost of doing business;
- unexpected adverse changes in export regulations, duties, quotas and tariffs and difficulties in obtaining export licenses may occur;
- general economic conditions in the countries in which we operate could have an adverse effect on our earnings from operations in those countries;
- changes in the strength of our relationships with local communities and indigenous populations in the areas in which we operate may impact our community support;
- staffing difficulties and labor disputes may impact our operations in certain countries in which we operate;
- termination or substantial modification of international trade agreements may adversely affect our access to raw materials and to markets for our products outside the U.S.;
- foreign governments may nationalize or expropriate private enterprises;
- increased sovereign risk (such as default by or deterioration in the economies and credit worthiness of local governments) may occur; and
- political or economic repercussions from terrorist activities, including the possibility of hyperinflationary conditions and political instability, may occur in certain countries in which we do business.

The U.S. and foreign countries may also adopt or increase restrictions on foreign trade or investment, including currency exchange controls, tariffs or other taxes, or limitations on imports or exports (including recent and proposed changes in U.S. trade policy and resulting retaliatory actions by other countries).

In addition, certain of our operations, including joint ventures, and ongoing capital projects are in regions of the world such as Asia, the Middle East and South America that are of high risk due to significant civil, political and security instability. Unanticipated events, such as geopolitical changes, could result in disruption of operations, a write-down of our investment in the affected joint venture or a delay or cause cancellation of those capital projects, which could negatively impact our future

growth and profitability. Our success as a global business will depend, in part, upon our ability to succeed in differing legal, regulatory, economic, social and political conditions by developing, implementing and maintaining policies and strategies that are effective in each location where we and our joint ventures do business.

Furthermore, we are subject to rules and regulations related to anti-bribery and antitrust prohibitions of the U.S. and other countries, as well as export controls and economic embargoes, violations of which may carry substantial penalties. For example, export control and economic embargo regulations limit the ability of our subsidiaries to market, sell, distribute or otherwise transfer their products or technology to prohibited countries or persons. Failure to comply with these regulations could subject us or our subsidiaries to fines and enforcement actions and/or have an adverse effect on our reputation and the value of our common stock.

Because we conduct substantial operations in China, risks associated with regulatory activity and political and social events in China could negatively affect our business and operating results.

In 2025, net sales shipped to or within China represented 39% of our total net sales. Additionally, we own three active production facilities located in China. In addition to the risks described above under “*Our substantial international operations subject us to risks of doing business in foreign countries, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.*”, our operations in China expose us to risks particular to conducting business in that country. For example, over the past several years the U.S. and China have applied tariffs to certain of each other’s exports, including tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles and lithium-ion batteries initiated in 2025, which have resulted in, and may continue to cause, shifting trade flows and restrictions on certain sales of goods into China and domestic demand for products manufactured in China. In addition to the existing tariffs, the U.S. may continue to impose additional tariffs on China and other countries. Additionally, geopolitical or trade disputes (including as a result of China-Taiwan and U.S.-Taiwan relations) between the U.S. and China, or China and any other nation in which we conduct operations may lead to further restrictions on trade and/or obstacles to conducting business in China. Furthermore, the Chinese government has, from time to time, curtailed manufacturing operations, with little or no notice, in industrial regions out of growing concern over air quality. The Chinese government has also instituted energy intensity and energy consumption targets in a number of provinces in its efforts to reduce energy consumption, resulting in energy quotas and shortages in energy supply that can be disruptive to construction and manufacturing operations. These and other risks may have an adverse effect on our sales to Chinese customers and/or result in our not realizing a return on, or losing some, or all, of our strategic investments in China.

Our inability to secure key raw materials, or to pass through increases in costs and expenses for other raw materials and energy, on a timely basis or at all could have an adverse effect on the margins of our products and our results of operations.

The long-term profitability of our operations will, in part, depend on our ability to continue to economically obtain resources, including energy and raw materials. For example, our lithium and bromine businesses rely upon our continued ability to obtain key raw materials, such as chlorine or soda ash, of sufficient quality and in adequate amounts as part of our supply chain to meet our customers’ demand for our products. If we fail to secure and retain the rights to continue to access these key raw materials, we may have to restrict or suspend our operations that rely upon these key resources, which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, in some cases access to these raw materials by us and our competitors is subject to decisions or actions by governmental authorities, which could adversely impact us. Furthermore, other raw material and energy costs account for a significant percentage of our total costs of products sold, even if they can be obtained on commercially reasonable terms. Our raw material and energy costs can be volatile and may increase significantly. Increases are primarily driven by tightening of market conditions and major increases in the pricing of key constituent materials for our products such as crude oil, chlorine and metals (including molybdenum and rare earths, which are used in the refinery catalysts business). We generally attempt to pass through changes in the prices of raw materials and energy to our customers, but we may be unable to do so (or may be delayed in doing so). In addition, raising prices we charge to our customers in order to offset increases in the prices we pay for raw materials could cause us to suffer a loss of sales volumes. Our inability to efficiently and effectively pass through price increases, or inventory impacts resulting from price volatility, could adversely affect our margins.

Competition within our industry may place downward pressure on the prices and margins of our products and may adversely affect our businesses and results of operations.

We compete against a number of highly competitive global chemical producers. Competition is based on several key criteria, including product performance and quality, product price, product availability and security of supply, climate-related performance and responsiveness of product development in cooperation with customers and customer service. Some of our competitors are larger than us and may have greater financial resources. These competitors may also be able to maintain significantly greater operating and financial flexibility. As a result, these competitors may be better able to withstand changes in conditions within our industry. Competitors’ pricing decisions could compel us to decrease our prices, which could negatively

affect our margins and profitability. Our ability to maintain or increase our profitability is, and will continue to be, dependent upon our ability to offset decreases in the prices and margins of our products by improving production efficiency and volume and other productivity enhancements, shifting to production of higher margin chemical products and improving existing products through innovation and research and development. If we are unable to do so or to otherwise maintain our competitive position, we could lose market share to our competitors.

In addition, Albemarle's brands, product image and trademarks represent the unique product identity of each of our products and are important symbols of the Company's reputation. Accordingly, the performance of our business could be adversely affected by any marketing and promotional materials used by our competitors that make adverse claims, whether with or without merit, against our Company or its products, imply or assert immoral or improper conduct by us, or are otherwise disparaging of our Company or its products. Further, our own actions could hurt such brands, product image and trademarks if our products underperform or we otherwise draw negative publicity.

Our research and development efforts may not succeed in addressing changes in our customers' needs, and our competitors may develop more effective or successful products.

Our industries and the end markets into which we sell our products experience technological change and product improvement. Manufacturers periodically introduce new products or require new technological capacity to develop customized products. Our future growth depends on our ability to gauge the direction of commercial and technological progress in all key end markets in which we sell our products and upon our ability to fund and successfully develop, manufacture and market products in such changing end markets. There is no assurance that we will be able to continue to identify, develop, market and, in certain cases, secure regulatory approval for innovative products in a timely manner or at all, as may be required to replace or enhance existing products, and any such inability could have a material adverse effect on our profit margins and our competitive position.

In addition, our customers use our specialty chemicals for a broad range of applications. Changes in our customers' products or processes may enable our customers to reduce consumption of the specialty chemicals that we produce or make our specialty chemicals unnecessary. Customers may also find alternative materials or processes that do not require our products. Should a customer decide to use a different material due to price, performance or other considerations, we may not be able to supply a product that meets the customer's new requirements. Consequently, it is important that we develop new products to replace the sales of products that mature and decline in use. Our business, results of operations, cash flows and margins could be materially adversely affected if we are unable to manage successfully the maturation of our existing products and the introduction of new products.

Despite our efforts, we may not be successful in developing new products and/or technology, either alone or with third parties, or licensing intellectual property rights from third parties on a commercially competitive basis. Our new products may not be accepted by our customers or may fail to receive regulatory approval. Moreover, new products may have lower margins than the products they replace. Furthermore, ongoing investments in research and development for the future do not yield an immediate beneficial impact on our operating results and therefore could result in higher costs without a proportional increase in revenues.

The development of non-lithium battery technologies could adversely affect us.

The development and adoption of new battery technologies that rely on inputs other than lithium compounds could significantly impact our prospects and future revenues. Current and next generation high energy density batteries for use in electric vehicles rely on lithium compounds as a critical input. Alternative materials and technologies are being researched with the goal of making batteries lighter, more efficient, faster charging and less expensive, and some of these could be less reliant on lithium compounds. We cannot predict which new technologies may ultimately prove to be commercially viable and on what time horizon. Commercialized battery technologies that use no, or significantly less, lithium could materially and adversely impact our prospects and future revenues.

Development projects are inherently risky and may require more capital than anticipated or not prove to be economically viable based on ultimate costs and returns of a project, which could adversely affect our business. The development of our mines and operations are also subject to other unique risks.

Development projects typically require a number of years and significant expenditures during the development phase before production is possible. There are many risks and uncertainties inherent in all development projects including, but not limited to, unexpected or difficult geological formations or conditions, potential delays, cost overruns, lower levels of production during ramp-up periods, shortages of material or labor, construction defects, breakdowns and injuries to persons and property. The development of our mines and operations are also subject to other unique risks including, but not limited to,

underground fires or floods, ventilating harmful gases, fall-of-ground accidents, and seismic activity resulting from unexpected or difficult geological formations or conditions. While we anticipate taking all measures that we deem reasonable and prudent in connection with the development of our mines to safely manage production, there is no assurance that these risks will not cause schedule delays, revised mine plans, injuries to persons and property, or increased capital costs, any of which may have a material adverse impact on our cash flows, results of operations and financial condition. Additionally, although we devote significant time and resources to our project planning, approval and review processes, many of our development projects are highly complex and rely on factors that are outside of our control, which may cause us to underestimate the time and capital required to complete a development project.

Our decision to develop a project is typically based on the results of feasibility studies, which estimate the anticipated economic returns of a project. In addition, the economic feasibility of development projects is based on many factors, including the accuracy of estimated mineral resources and reserves, estimated capital and operating costs, and estimated future prices of lithium and bromine. In the event that the estimates on which our project development decisions are based ultimately inaccurate, a project may not be economically viable. In recent years, the Company has determined to halt production on portions of its Kemerton plant, and put its Chengdu conversion plant and the completed portions of its Kemerton plant into care and maintenance. The Company recently announced its decision to place Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance.

New development projects have no operating history upon which to base estimates of future cash flow. The actual costs, production rates and economic returns of our development projects may differ materially from our estimates, which may have a material adverse impact on our cash flows, results of operations and financial condition.

We are subject to risks related to brine extraction limits, particularly with respect to our early warning plan at our facilities in Chile.

Our brine extraction facilities are subject to extraction regulations within their specific jurisdictions. In the Salar de Atacama, we have duly authorized brine extraction limits for our operations and, to ensure that we comply with all associated requirements and contractual commitments, we have imposed an early warning plan with regards to our extraction capacity, which impacts our pumping rates at the facilities. We regularly monitor for any deviations from expected hydrological behavior in the Salar de Atacama that could impact protected environmental systems and have established thresholds for brine and groundwater levels. If the measurements we obtain exceed such thresholds, our early warning plan is triggered, which results initially in increased monitoring and reporting and, if more severe, results in operational changes such as reducing brine extraction rates and can even result in halting extraction altogether, among other emergency measures. To the extent that our early warning plan is triggered, we may be required to significantly reduce or halt our pumping rates, which could cause a significant decrease in the production of lithium.

Downturns in our customers' industries, which may be cyclical or affected by changes in governing administrations, could adversely affect our sales and profitability.

Downturns in the businesses that use our chemicals may adversely affect our sales. Many of our customers are in industries, including the electronics, building and construction, oilfield and automotive industries, that are cyclical in nature, or which are subject to secular market downturns or may face adverse effects of evolving regulatory regimes. Historically, cyclical or secular industry downturns have resulted in diminished demand for our products, excess manufacturing capacity and lower average selling prices, and we may experience similar problems in the future.

Additionally, certain of these industries are subject to regulatory schemes that may shift with changes in the political climate. The results of elections in the United States or other countries in which our customers are located and changes in governing administrations and legislative bodies may result in consequent changes to these regulatory regimes that could cause a decline within these industries, leading to a diminished demand for our products. For example, although the current U.S. presidential administration has reduced or suspended government infrastructure spending for EV projects, eliminated certain tax cuts available in connection with EV purchases, and rescinded requirements pertaining to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, all or any of which measures may have a detrimental effect on the U.S. EV industry. A decline in our customers' industries may have a material adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

The results of the Refining Solutions business are subject to fluctuation because of irregularities in the demand for our HPC catalysts and certain of our agrichemicals.

Our HPC catalysts are used by petroleum refiners in their processing units to reduce the quantity of sulfur and other impurities in petroleum products. The effectiveness of HPC catalysts diminishes with use, requiring the HPC catalysts to be replaced, on average, once every one to four years. The sales of our HPC catalysts, therefore, are largely dependent on the useful life cycle of the HPC catalysts in the processing units and may vary materially by quarter. In addition, the timing and

profitability of HPC catalysts sales can have a significant impact on revenue and profit in any one quarter. Sales of our agrichemicals are also subject to fluctuation as demand varies depending on climate and other environmental conditions, which may prevent or reduce farming for extended periods. In addition, crop pricing and the timing of when farms alternate from one crop to another crop in a particular year can also alter sales of agrichemicals.

Regulation, or the threat of regulation, of some of our products could have an adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

We manufacture or market a number of products that are or have been the subject of attention by regulatory authorities and environmental interest groups. For example, there has been scrutiny of certain brominated fire safety solutions by regulatory authorities, legislative bodies and environmental interest groups in various countries. We manufacture a broad range of brominated fire safety solution products, which are used in a variety of applications to protect people, property and the environment from injury and damage caused by fire. Concern about the impact of some of our products on human health or the environment may lead to regulation, or reaction in our markets independent of regulation, that could reduce or eliminate markets for such products.

Agencies in the European Union ("E.U.") continue to evaluate the risks to human health and the environment associated with certain brominated fire safety solutions such as tetrabromobisphenol A and decabromodiphenyl ethane, both of which we manufacture. Additional government regulations, including limitations or bans on the use of brominated flame retardants, could result in a decline in our net sales of brominated fire safety solutions and have an adverse effect on our sales and profitability and make it necessary for us to develop alternative products. In addition, the threat of additional regulation or concern about the impact of brominated fire safety solutions on human health or the environment could lead to a negative reaction in our markets that could reduce or alter our markets for these products, which could have an adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

Our business and our customers are subject to significant requirements under REACH, which imposes obligations on E.U. manufacturers and importers of chemicals and other products into the E.U. to compile and file comprehensive reports, including testing data, on each chemical substance, and perform chemical safety assessments. Additionally, substances of high concern, as defined under REACH, are subject to an authorization process, which may result in restrictions in the use of products by application or even banning the product. Regulations similar to REACH are also being considered and implemented in other countries where we do business, such as Korea, Japan, and the United Kingdom. REACH regulations impose significant additional burdens on chemical producers, importers, downstream users of chemical substances and preparations, and the entire supply chain. See "Regulation" in Item 1. Business. Our significant manufacturing presence and sales activities in the E.U. and other global regions require significant compliance costs and may result in increases in the costs of raw materials we purchase and the products we sell. Increases in the costs of our products could result in a decrease in their overall demand; additionally, customers may seek products with lower regulatory compliance requirements, which could also result in a decrease in the demand of certain products subject to the REACH regulations.

The U.S. Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA") requires chemicals to be assessed against a risk-based safety standard and calls for the elimination of unreasonable risks identified during risk evaluation. This regulation and other pending initiatives at the U.S. state level, as well as initiatives in Canada, Asia and other regions, could potentially require toxicological testing and risk assessments of a wide variety of chemicals, including chemicals used or produced by us. These assessments may result in heightened concerns about the chemicals involved and additional requirements being placed on the production, handling, labeling or use of the subject chemicals. Such concerns and additional requirements could also increase the cost incurred by our customers to use our chemical products and otherwise limit the use of these products, which could lead to a decrease in demand for these products. Such a decrease in demand could have an adverse impact on our business and results of operations.

We could be subject to damages based on claims brought against us by our customers or lose customers as a result of the failure of our products to meet certain quality specifications.

Our products enable important performance attributes of our customers' products. If a product fails to perform in a manner consistent with quality specifications or has a shorter useful life than guaranteed, a customer of ours could seek the replacement of the product or damages for costs incurred as a result of the product failing to perform as guaranteed. These risks apply to our refinery catalysts in particular because, in certain instances, we sell our refinery catalysts under agreements that contain limited performance and life cycle guarantees. Also, because many of our products are integrated into our customers' products, we may be requested to participate in, or fund in whole or in part the costs of, a product recall conducted by a customer. For example, some of our businesses supply products to customers in the automotive industry. In the event one of these customers conducts a product recall that it believes is related to one of our products, we may be asked to participate in, or fund in whole or in part, such a recall.

Our customers often require our subsidiaries to represent that our products conform to certain product specifications provided by our customers. Any failure to comply with such specifications could result in claims or legal action against us.

A successful claim or series of claims against us could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations and could result in our loss of one or more customers.

Our business is subject to hazards common to chemical and natural resource extraction businesses, any of which could injure our employees or other persons, damage our facilities or other properties, interrupt our production and adversely affect our reputation and results of operations.

Our business is subject to hazards common to chemical manufacturing, storage, handling and transportation, as well as natural resource extraction, including explosions, fires, severe weather, natural disasters, mechanical failure, unscheduled downtime, transportation interruptions, remediation, chemical spills, discharges or releases of toxic or hazardous substances or gases and other risks. These hazards can cause personal injury and loss of life to our employees and other persons, severe damage to, or destruction of, property and equipment and environmental contamination. In addition, the occurrence of disruptions, shutdowns or other material operating problems at our facilities due to any of these hazards may diminish our ability to meet our output goals. Accordingly, these hazards and their consequences could adversely affect our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our operations as a whole, including our results of operations and cash flows, both during and after the period of operational difficulties.

Our business could be adversely affected by environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

The nature of our business, including historical operations at our current and former facilities, exposes us to risks of liability under environmental laws and regulations due to the production, storage, use, transportation and sale of materials that can cause contamination or personal injury if released into the environment. In the jurisdictions in which we operate, we are subject to numerous U.S. and non-U.S. national, federal, state and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including those governing the discharge of pollutants into the air and water, the management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes and the cleanup of contaminated properties. We currently use, and in the past have used, hazardous substances at many of our facilities, and we have in the past been, and may in the future be, subject to claims relating to exposure to hazardous materials. We also have generated, and continue to generate, hazardous wastes at a number of our facilities. Some of our facilities also have lengthy histories of manufacturing or other activities that may have resulted in site contamination. Liabilities associated with the investigation and cleanup of hazardous substances, as well as personal injury, property damages or natural resource damages arising from the release of, or exposure to, such hazardous substances, may be imposed in many situations without regard to violations of laws or regulations or other fault, and may also be imposed jointly and severally (so that a responsible party may be held liable for more than its share of the losses involved, or even the entire loss). Such liabilities may also be imposed on many different entities, including, for example, current and prior property owners or operators, as well as entities that arranged for the disposal of the hazardous substances. Such liabilities may be material and can be difficult to identify or quantify.

Further, some of the raw materials we handle are subject to government regulation. These regulations affect the manufacturing processes, handling, uses and applications of our products. In addition, our production facilities and a number of our distribution centers require numerous operating permits. Due to the nature of these requirements and changes in our operations, our operations may exceed limits under permits or we may not have the proper permits to conduct our operations. Ongoing compliance with such laws, regulations and permits is an important consideration for us and we incur substantial capital and operating costs in our compliance efforts.

Compliance with environmental laws generally increases the costs of manufacturing, registration/approval requirements, transportation and storage of raw materials and finished products, and storage and disposal of wastes, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. For example, we may be subject to carbon pricing or taxation proposals in some jurisdictions where we operate. We may incur substantial costs, including fines, damages, criminal or civil sanctions and remediation costs, or experience interruptions in our operations, for violations arising under these laws or permit requirements. Additional information may arise in the future concerning the nature or extent of our liability with respect to identified sites, and additional sites may be identified for which we are alleged to be liable, that could cause us to materially increase our environmental accrual or the upper range of the costs we believe we could reasonably incur for such matters. Furthermore, environmental laws are subject to change and have become increasingly stringent in recent years. We expect this trend to continue and to require materially increased capital expenditures and operating and compliance costs.

Certain of our operations could be adversely affected by local communities and/or other stakeholders.

Relationships with local communities and other stakeholders may impact our operations, particularly in Chile and Western Australia. We may become impacted by the interests of local communities and other stakeholders, including in some cases, indigenous peoples. Certain of these communities or other stakeholders may have or may develop interests or objectives which are different from, or even in conflict with, our objectives, including the use of our lands and waterways near our

operations. Our relationships with the communities near our sites and other stakeholders are critical to the future success of our sites, as well as at any future development. There is ongoing public attention relating to the perceived effect of mining activities on the environment and on communities impacted by such activities. Publicity adverse to our operations, or the mining industry generally, could have an adverse effect on our development plans or future operations and may impact relationships with the communities in which we ultimately operate and other associated stakeholders.

We may in the future, be subject to disputes with local communities, including indigenous peoples, regarding the use of certain aspects of our assets, facilities and land and may in the future, be required to enter into settlement agreements providing for such use, on terms that include, among others, lump sum payments, royalty payments or restrictions on our business.

In addition, disputes surrounding indigenous land claims regarding lands on or near our operations could interfere with future operations and/or result in additional operating costs or restrictions, as well as adversely impact the use and enjoyment of our real property rights with respect to our assets.

While we are committed to operating in a socially responsible manner, there can be no assurance that our efforts in this respect will mitigate this potential risk. All the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be subject to indemnity claims and liable for other payments relating to properties or businesses we have divested, including in connection with the divestiture of the controlling interest in our Refining Solutions business.

In connection with the sale of certain properties and businesses, such as the divestiture of the controlling interest in our Refining Solutions business, we have agreed to indemnify the purchasers of such properties for certain types of matters, such as certain breaches of representations and warranties, taxes and certain environmental matters. With respect to environmental matters, the discovery of contamination arising from properties that we have divested may expose us to indemnity obligations under the sale agreements with the buyers of such properties or cleanup obligations and other damages under applicable environmental laws. We may not have insurance coverage for such indemnity obligations or cash flows to make such indemnity or other payments. Further, we cannot predict the nature of and the amount of any indemnity or other obligations we may have to the applicable purchaser. Such payments may be costly and may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

At several of our properties where hazardous substances are known to exist (including some sites where hazardous substances are being investigated or remediated), we believe we are entitled to contractual indemnification from one or more former owners or operators; however, in the event we make a claim, the indemnifier may disagree with us regarding, or not have the financial capacity to fulfill, its indemnity obligation. If our contractual indemnity is not upheld or effective, our accrual and/or our costs for the investigation and cleanup of hazardous substances could increase materially.

We could be adversely affected by violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar foreign anti-corruption laws, and in the past have paid fines in order to resolve self-reported potential violations of such laws.

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the “FCPA”) and similar foreign anti-corruption laws in other jurisdictions around the world generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments or providing anything of value to non-U.S. government officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or securing an unfair advantage. We operate in some parts of the world that have experienced governmental corruption to some degree, and, in certain circumstances, strict compliance with anti-bribery laws may conflict with local customs and practices. Although we have established formal policies or procedures for prohibiting or monitoring this conduct, we cannot provide total certainty that our employees or other agents will not engage in such conduct for which we might be held responsible. In the event that we believe or have reason to believe that our employees, agents or distributors have or may have violated applicable anti-corruption laws, including the FCPA, we may be required to investigate or have outside counsel investigate the relevant facts and circumstances, which can be expensive and require significant time and attention from senior management. If we are found to be liable for violations of the FCPA or other applicable anti-corruption laws (either due to our own acts or our inadvertence, or due to the acts or inadvertence of others, including employees of our joint ventures), we could suffer from civil and criminal penalties or other sanctions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

In September 2023, in connection with voluntary self-reporting of potential violations of the FCPA, we finalized agreements with the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and the SEC pursuant to which we paid a total of \$218.5 million in aggregate fines, disgorgement, and prejudgment interest and agreed to certain ongoing compliance reporting obligations. In April 2025, the Company concluded the non-prosecution agreement with the DOJ prior to the end of its term in recognition that the terms of the agreement had been satisfied.

Our inability to protect our intellectual property rights, or being accused of infringing on intellectual property rights of third parties, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Protection of our proprietary processes, methods and compounds and other technology is important to our business. We generally rely on patent, trade secret, trademark and copyright laws of the U.S. and certain other countries in which our products are produced or sold, as well as licenses and nondisclosure and confidentiality agreements, to protect our intellectual property rights. The patent, trade secret, trademark and copyright laws of some countries, or their enforcement, may not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the U.S. Failure to protect our intellectual property rights may result in the loss of valuable proprietary technologies. Additionally, some of our technologies are not covered by any patent or patent application and, even if a patent application has been filed, it may not result in an issued patent. If patents are issued to us, those patents may not provide meaningful protection against competitors or against competitive technologies. We cannot assure you that our intellectual property rights will not be challenged, invalidated, circumvented or rendered unenforceable.

We also conduct research and development activities with third parties and license certain intellectual property rights from third parties and we plan to continue to do so in the future. We endeavor to license or otherwise obtain intellectual property rights on terms favorable to us. However, we may not be able to license or otherwise obtain intellectual property rights on such terms or at all. Our inability to license or otherwise obtain such intellectual property rights could have a material adverse effect on our ability to create a competitive advantage and create innovative solutions for our customers, which will adversely affect our net sales and our relationships with our customers.

We could face patent infringement claims from our competitors or others alleging that our processes or products infringe on their proprietary technologies. If we are found to be infringing on the proprietary technology of others, we may be liable for damages and we may be required to change our processes, redesign our products partially or completely, pay to use the technology of others, stop using certain technologies or stop producing the infringing product entirely. Even if we ultimately prevail in an infringement suit, the existence of the suit could prompt customers to switch to products that are not the subject of infringement suits. We may not prevail in intellectual property litigation and such litigation may result in significant legal costs or otherwise impede our ability to produce and distribute key products.

We also rely upon unpatented proprietary manufacturing expertise, continuing technological innovation and other trade secrets to develop and maintain our competitive position. While we generally enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees and third parties to protect our intellectual property, we cannot assure you that our confidentiality agreements will not be breached, that they will provide meaningful protection for our trade secrets and proprietary manufacturing expertise or that adequate remedies will be available in the event of an unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets or manufacturing expertise. In addition, our trade secrets and know-how may be improperly obtained by other means, such as a breach of our information technologies security systems or direct theft.

Our inability to develop lithium or bromine reserves that are economically viable could have a material adverse effect on our future profitability.

Our mineral property reserves will, without acquiring or developing additional reserves, decline as we continue to extract these raw materials. Accordingly, our future profitability depends upon our ability to operate in a way that optimizes extraction of raw materials from our reserves. Exploration and development of lithium resources are highly speculative in nature. Exploration projects involve many risks, require substantial expenditures and may not result in the discovery of sufficient additional resources that can be extracted profitably. Once a site with potential resources is discovered, it may take several years of development until production is possible, during which time the economic viability of production may change. Substantial expenditures are required to establish recoverable proven and probable reserves and to construct extraction and production facilities. As a result, there is no assurance that current or future exploration programs will be successful and there is a risk that depletion of reserves will not be offset by discoveries or acquisitions.

We utilize feasibility studies to estimate the anticipated economic returns of an exploration project. The actual project profitability or economic feasibility may differ from such estimates as a result of factors such as, but not limited to, changes in volumes, grades and characteristics of resources to be mined and processed; changes in labor costs or availability of adequate and skilled labor force; the quality of the data on which engineering assumptions were made; adverse geotechnical conditions; availability, supply and cost of water and power; fluctuations in inflation and currency exchange rates; delays in obtaining environmental or other government permits or approvals or changes in the laws and regulations related to our operations or project development; changes in royalty agreements, laws and/or regulations around royalties and other taxes; and weather or severe climate impacts.

For our existing operations, we utilize geological, hydrogeological and metallurgical assumptions, financial projections and price estimates. These estimates are periodically updated to reflect changes in our operations, including modifications to our proven and probable reserves and mineralized material, revisions to environmental obligations, changes in legislation and/or social, political or economic environment, and other significant events associated with natural resource extraction operations. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities and qualities of lithium and costs to extract recoverable reserves, including many factors beyond our control, that could cause results to differ materially from expected financial and operating results or result in future impairment charges. In addition, it cannot be assumed that any part or all of the inferred mineral resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves, as defined by the SEC. See Item 2. Properties, for a discussion and quantification of our current mineral resources and reserves.

Demand and market prices for lithium will greatly affect the value of our investment in our lithium resources and conversion facilities, and our revenues and profitability generally.

Our ability to successfully develop our lithium resources and generate a return on investment will be affected by changes in the demand for and market price of lithium-based end products, such as lithium hydroxide. The market price of these products can fluctuate and is affected by numerous factors beyond our control, primarily world supply and demand. In particular, demand for lithium is significantly dependent on the development and adoption of new applications for lithium batteries and the growth in demand for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, battery electric vehicles and energy storage systems. Such external economic factors impacting supply and demand are influenced by changes in international investment patterns, various political developments and macro-economic circumstances.

In addition, the price of lithium products is impacted by their purity and performance. We may not be able to effectively mitigate against such fluctuations; although some of our long-term agreements include higher pricing, we are also party to index-referenced and variable-priced contracts. Lithium prices significantly decreased by approximately 85% to 95% from their high in January 2023 throughout 2024 and into 2025, which adversely impacted our financial results during those periods. Lithium prices began to rebound in the second half of 2025, but remain volatile and are well below peak levels. High volatility or additional declines in the lithium prices could have a material and adverse effect on the revenues and profitability on our company. In addition, a further decrease in lithium prices may lead to additional inventory valuation charges in the valuation period prior to when the goods are sold.

In 2024, the Company stopped construction of Kemerton Trains 3 and 4, and announced that it was placing Kemerton Train 2 into care and maintenance in an effort to optimize its cost structure in light of the depressed levels of lithium prices. In 2025, the Company also placed its Chengdu, China conversion plant into care and maintenance, and transferred its production to other processing facilities in China. Similarly, in February 2026, the Company announced its decision to place Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance. Depending on market conditions and the Company's cost structure, the Company may take additional actions in the future to idle production, halt construction, or cease operations activities at its mines or processing facilities due to lack of market demand, pricing economics, production costs, or for other reasons.

If we are unable to retain key personnel or attract new skilled personnel, it could have an adverse effect on our business.

Our success depends on our ability to attract and retain key personnel including our management team. In light of the specialized and technical nature of our business, our performance is dependent on the continued service of, and on our ability to attract and retain, qualified management, scientific, technical, marketing and support personnel. Competition for such personnel is intense, and we may be unable to continue to attract or retain such personnel. In addition, because of our reliance on our senior management team, the unanticipated departure, death or disability of any key member of our management team could have an adverse effect on our business. Our future success depends, in part, on our ability to identify and develop or recruit talent to succeed our senior management and other key positions throughout the organization. If we fail to identify and develop or recruit successors, we are at risk of being harmed by the departures of these key employees. Effective succession planning is also important to our long-term success. Failure to ensure effective transfer of knowledge and smooth transitions involving key employees could hinder our strategic planning and execution. In addition, the U.S. and other regions in which we operate may experience workforce shortages for skilled workers and limitations on the availability of immigrant labor, which may impact our ability to attract and retain qualified employees.

Some of our employees are unionized, represented by works councils or are employed subject to local laws that are less favorable to employers than the laws of the U.S.

As of December 31, 2025, we had approximately 7,800 employees, including employees of our consolidated joint ventures. Approximately 26% of these employees are represented by unions or works councils. In addition, a large number of our employees are employed in countries in which employment laws provide greater rights to employees than the laws of the

U.S. Such employment rights require us to work collaboratively to effect any changes to certain bargaining agreements or labor arrangements, particularly in the Netherlands, Germany and Chile. Although we believe that we have a good working relationship with our employees and their representatives in the jurisdictions where we operate, a strike, work stoppage, slowdown or significant dispute with our employees could result in a significant disruption of our operations or higher labor costs.

Our joint ventures may not operate according to their business plans if our partners fail to fulfill their obligations, which may adversely affect our results of operations and may force us to dedicate additional resources to these joint ventures.

We currently participate in a number of joint ventures and may enter into additional joint ventures in the future. The nature of a joint venture requires us to share control with unaffiliated third parties. We apply the equity method of accounting to joint ventures when we have the ability to exercise significant influence over the operational decision-making authority and financial policies of the investee but we do not exercise control. Our equity method investees are governed by their own board of directors, whose members have fiduciary duties to the investees' shareholders. While we have certain rights to appoint representatives to the investees' boards of directors, the interests of the investees' shareholders may not align with our interests or the interests of our shareholders and strategic and contractual disputes may arise.

We are generally dependent on the management team of our equity method investees to operate and control such projects or businesses. While we may exert influence pursuant to our positions, as applicable, on the boards of directors and through certain limited governance or oversight roles, such influence may be limited. If our joint venture partners do not fulfill their obligations, the affected joint venture may not be able to operate according to its business plan. In that case, our results of operations may be adversely affected and we may be required to materially change the level of our commitment to the joint venture. Also, differences in views among joint venture participants may result in delayed decisions or failures to agree on major issues. If these differences cause the joint ventures to deviate from their business plans, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

In October 2025, we announced that we had reached a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest in our Refining Solutions business in a series of transactions that will result in the formation of a new joint venture, of which we will initially own 49% interest. These transactions are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions. While we expect that our joint venture participant will fulfill its obligations in respect of this joint venture, contractual disputes could arise and our results of operations could be adversely affected if they do not.

Risks Related to Our Financial Condition

Our required capital expenditures can be complex, may experience delays or other difficulties, and the costs may exceed our estimates.

Our capital expenditures generally consist of expenditures to maintain and improve existing equipment, facilities and properties, and substantial investments in new or expanded equipment, facilities and properties. Execution of these capital expenditures can be complex, and commencement of production requires start-up, commission and certification of product quality by our customers, which may impact the expected output and timing of sales of product from such facilities. Construction of large chemical operations is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, among others, the ability to complete a project on a timely basis and in accordance with the estimated budget for such projects and our ability to estimate future demand for our products. In addition, our returns on these capital expenditures may not meet our expectations. Budgets for certain projects can include government funding, which help support a portion of the anticipated construction costs. Any change to the government budgetary priorities could adversely affect the funding for these projects or our ability to apply for funding.

Future capital expenditures may be significantly higher, depending on the investment requirements of each of our business lines, and may also vary substantially if we are required to undertake actions to compete with new technologies in our industry. We may not have the capital necessary to undertake these capital investments. If we are unable to do so, we may not be able to effectively compete in some of our markets.

Our indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health and our ability to execute our business strategy, and we will need a significant amount of cash to service our indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2025, our aggregate long-term debt was \$3.2 billion, primarily related to senior notes. We expect to maintain significant levels of indebtedness going forward. Our indebtedness could have important consequences including:

- making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our debt, and any failure to comply with the obligations under our debt instruments, including restrictive covenants, could result in an event of default under the indenture governing our senior notes, the 2022 Credit Agreement or agreements governing future indebtedness;

- increasing the risk of a credit ratings downgrade of our debt, which could increase future debt costs and limit the future availability of debt financing;
- increasing our vulnerability to adverse general economic and industry conditions;
- reducing the cash flow available to fund capital expenditures and other corporate purposes and to grow our business;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business, the economy and our industry;
- placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors with less indebtedness;
- making it more difficult to borrow additional funds in the future to fund growth, acquisitions, working capital, capital expenditures and other purposes; and
- potentially requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund our other business needs.

Our ability to generate sufficient cash flow from operations or use existing cash balances to make scheduled payments on our debt depends on our future performance, which is subject to a range of economic, competitive and business factors, many of which are outside our control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations to service our debt obligations. If we are unable to service our debt obligations, we may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before maturity, reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets or raise additional equity. We may not be able to refinance any of our indebtedness, sell assets or raise additional equity on commercially reasonable terms or at all, which could cause us to default on our obligations and impair our liquidity. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow or use existing cash balances to satisfy our debt obligations, or to refinance our obligations on commercially reasonable terms, could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

Additionally, our senior credit facilities and the indentures governing our senior notes contain select restrictive covenants, which provide constraints on our financial flexibility. In the past, we have been able to renegotiate and amend the covenants in 2022 Credit Agreement in order to maintain compliance, but there can be no assurance that in the future we would be able to further amend them if needed. The failure to comply with these or other covenants governing other indebtedness, including indebtedness incurred in the future, could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, including cross-defaults to other debt facilities. See “Financial Condition and Liquidity—Long-Term Debt” in Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for descriptions of our 2022 Credit Agreement covenants.

Because a significant portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries and joint ventures, our ability to service our debt may be dependent on our receipt of distributions or other payments from our subsidiaries and joint ventures.

A significant portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries and joint ventures. As a result, our ability to service our debt may be partially dependent on the earnings of our subsidiaries and joint ventures and the payment of those earnings to us in the form of dividends, loans or advances and through repayment of loans or advances from us. Payments to us by our subsidiaries and joint ventures are contingent upon our subsidiaries’ or joint ventures’ earnings and other business considerations and may be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions. In addition, there may be significant tax and other legal restrictions on the ability of our non-U.S. subsidiaries or joint ventures to remit money to us.

Changes in credit ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations could adversely affect our cost of financing, the market price of our securities and our debt service obligations.

Credit rating agencies rate our debt securities on factors that include our operating results, actions that we take, their view of the general outlook for our industry and their view of the general outlook for the economy. Actions taken by the rating agencies can include maintaining, upgrading or downgrading the current rating or placing us on a watch list for possible future downgrades. During 2024, the Company’s ratings were downgraded by two of the three main credit ratings agencies, resulting in the increase of the applicable margin for borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement to 1.20%. Additionally, in 2025, Moody’s revised the outlook for the Company to negative. Further watches, reviews or downgrades could occur. Downgrading the credit rating of our debt securities or placing us on a watch list for possible future downgrades would likely increase our cost of future financing, including under our 2022 Credit Agreement and our commercial paper program, limits our access to the capital markets and has an adverse effect on the market price of our securities.

Borrowings under a portion of our debt facilities bear interest at floating rates, and are subject to adjustment based on the ratings of our senior unsecured long-term debt. The downgrading of any of our ratings or an increase in any of the benchmark interest rates would result in an increase of the interest expense on our variable rate borrowings.

Write-offs or impairment of our goodwill, intangible assets or long-lived assets can result in significant charges to earnings.

Under U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”), we review our intangible assets and long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is tested for impairment on October 31 of each year, or more frequently if required. Factors that may be considered a change in circumstances, indicating that the carrying value of our goodwill, intangible assets or long-lived assets may not be recoverable, include, but are not limited to, a decline in our stock price and market capitalization, reduced future cash flow estimates, and slower growth rates in our industry.

In 2025, we entered into definitive agreements to divest our 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A., a joint venture within the Refining Solutions reporting unit, and to divest the controlling ownership interest in our remaining Refining Solutions business. Based on the transaction prices in these agreements, we recorded a \$181.1 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge in the third quarter of 2025, representing goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit, and a separate long-lived asset impairment of \$245.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2025 to reduce the carrying value of the Refining Solutions business to its fair value less cost to sell. We will continue to operate the PCS business following these transactions. When we determine a reintegration plan for the PCS business, this change in circumstances for the PCS business may indicate that the carrying value of PCS’s long-lived assets are not recoverable and may constitute a triggering event to test for impairment.

During 2024, we made the decision to stop construction of Kemerton Trains 3 and 4, and put Kemerton Train 2 into care and maintenance. We determined these actions to be a triggering event for a review of impairment of our Energy Storage reporting unit goodwill and associated long-lived asset groups. Although this review did not result in any impairment to goodwill or long-lived assets, the write-off of the assets with no future economic value resulted in charges of \$1.0 billion in 2024. As we continue our review of, and make changes to, our cost and operating structure, including the February 2026 announcement of the decision to place Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance, we may be required to record additional charges in our financial statements during the period in which any impairment of our goodwill, intangible assets or long-lived assets is determined, negatively impacting our results of operations and financial condition.

Our business could suffer if we are not successful in executing our strategy and initiatives in connection with our comprehensive review of our cost and operating structure.

In 2024, we announced that we were undertaking proactive measures to optimize our cost structure in response to changing end-market conditions. These measures included an ongoing comprehensive review of our cost and operating structure, in connection with which we placed Kemerton Train 2 and the Chengdu, China conversion plant in care and maintenance, stopped construction on Kemerton Trains 3 and 4, and initiated a global workforce reduction that impacted 6-7% of total headcount. In addition, in February 2026, we announced the decision to put Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance. These actions were intended to deliver significant cost savings and enhance our long-term competitiveness. We continue to assess actions to reduce costs, improve efficiency and explore strategic options to ensure a competitive operating structure. However, there are no assurances that we will achieve these aims to the extent we expect, within the anticipated timeframes or at all. In addition, any cost savings that we realize may be offset, in whole or in part, by reductions in net sales or through increases in other expenses. Failure to realize the expected cost savings from our cost optimization efforts could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We are exposed to fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which may adversely affect our operating results and net income.

We conduct our business and incur costs in the local currency of most of the countries in which we operate. Changes in exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. Dollar affect the recorded levels of our assets, liabilities, net sales, cost of goods sold and operating margins and could result in exchange losses. The primary currencies to which we have exposure are the Chinese Renminbi, Euro and Australian Dollar. Exchange rates between these currencies and the U.S. Dollar in recent years have fluctuated significantly and may do so in the future. With respect to our potential exposure to foreign currency fluctuations and devaluations, for the year ended December 31, 2025, approximately 38% of our net sales were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. Significant changes in these foreign currencies relative to the U.S. Dollar could also have an adverse effect on our ability to meet interest and principal payments on any foreign currency-denominated debt outstanding. In addition to currency translation risks, we incur currency transaction risks whenever one of our operating subsidiaries or joint ventures enters into either a purchase or a sales transaction using a different currency from its functional currency. Our operating results and net income may be affected by any volatility in currency exchange rates and our ability to manage effectively our currency transaction and translation risks.

Significant or prolonged periods of higher interest rates may have an adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Interest rates may have a direct impact on our business to the extent we borrow under our unsecured credit facility, utilize our commercial paper program, or incur other forms of variable rate indebtedness or new indebtedness based on current interest rates. Borrowings under our unsecured credit facility bear interest at variable rates based on a benchmark rate depending on the currency in which the loans are denominated, plus an applicable margin, which ranges from 0.910% to 1.375%, depending on the Company's credit rating. We are part of a commercial paper program under which we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes from time-to-time in a maximum aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of up to \$1.5 billion.

In a rising interest rate environment, debt financing will become more expensive and may have higher transactional and servicing costs. Although we may take steps to limit our exposure to variable rate debt, if interest rates remain relatively high or increase in the future, we could see increases in our borrowing costs which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Inflationary trends in the price of our input costs, such as raw materials, transportation and energy, could adversely affect our business and financial results.

We have experienced, and may continue to experience, volatility and increases in the price of certain raw materials and in transportation and energy costs as a result of global market and supply chain disruptions and the broader inflationary environment.

If we are unable to increase the prices to our customers of our products to offset inflationary cost trends, or if we are unable to achieve cost savings to offset such cost increases, we could fail to meet our cost expectations, and our profits and operating results could be adversely affected. Our ability to price our products competitively to timely reflect higher input costs is critical to maintain and grow our sales. Increases in prices of our products to customers or the impact of the broader inflationary environment on our customers and may lead to declines in demand and sales volumes. Further, we may not be able to accurately predict the volume impact of price increases, especially if our competitors are able to more successfully adjust to such input cost volatility. Increasing our prices to our customers could result in long-term sales declines or loss of market share if our customers find alternative suppliers or purchase less of our products, which could have an adverse long-term impact on our results of operations.

Changes in, or the interpretation of, tax legislation or rates throughout the world could materially impact our results.

Our effective tax rate and related tax balance sheet attributes could be impacted by changes in tax legislation throughout the world. For example, in July 2025, legislation commonly known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act ("OBBBA") was signed into law. Among other potential impacts, this bill included a number of tax provisions including extending existing provisions that were set to expire, substantive changes in international tax rules, and the repeal or phase outs of certain energy tax credits. We continue to monitor the effects of the OBBBA and other regulatory developments on our financial condition, operating results, and income tax rate. Currently, the majority of our net sales are generated from customers located outside the U.S., and a substantial portion of our assets and employees are located outside of the U.S.

We have not accrued income taxes or foreign withholding taxes on undistributed earnings for most non-U.S. subsidiaries, because those earnings are intended to be indefinitely reinvested in the operations of those subsidiaries. Certain tax proposals with respect to such earnings could substantially increase our tax expense, which would substantially reduce our income and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows from operating activities.

Our future effective tax rates could be affected by changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, rules governing transfer pricing for transactions between our affiliates, expirations of tax holidays or rulings, changes in the assessment regarding the realization of the valuation of deferred tax assets, or changes in tax laws and regulations or their interpretation. Recent developments, including the European Commission's investigations on illegal state aid, as well as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") project on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting may result in changes to long-standing tax principles, which could adversely affect our effective tax rates or result in higher cash tax liabilities. The OECD developed a global tax framework inclusive of a 15% global minimum tax under the Pillar Two Global Anti-Base Erosion Rules ("Pillar Two"). The E.U.'s Pillar Two Directive was effective as of January 1, 2024 for certain aspects of the directive, with the remaining aspects effective on January 1, 2025. Other major jurisdictions are actively considering and implementing changes to their tax laws to adopt certain parts of the OECD's proposals. We have assessed this framework and determined, based upon available guidance, that these changes could have a material impact to our results of operations, but it is dependent on our ongoing mix of earnings. Any future changes in OECD guidance or interpretations, including local country

tax legislative changes thereof could impact our initial assessment; therefore, we will continue to monitor and refine our assessment as further guidance is made available.

We are subject to the regular examination of our income tax returns by various tax authorities. Examinations in material jurisdictions, including challenges to our transfer pricing policies or the allocation of income and expenses among our subsidiaries, or changes in laws, rules, regulations or interpretations by local taxing authorities could result in impacts to tax years open under statute or to foreign operating structures currently in place. We regularly assess the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from these examinations or changes in laws, rules, regulations or interpretations to determine the adequacy of our provision for taxes. It is possible the outcomes from these examinations will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

Future events may impact our deferred tax asset position and U.S. deferred federal income taxes on undistributed earnings of international affiliates that are considered to be indefinitely reinvested.

We evaluate our ability to utilize deferred tax assets and our need for valuation allowances based on available evidence. This process involves significant management judgment about assumptions that are subject to change from period to period based on changes in tax laws or variances between future projected operating performance and actual results. We are required to establish a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets if we determine, based on available evidence at the time the determination is made, that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be utilized. In making this determination, we evaluate all positive and negative evidence as of the end of each reporting period. Future adjustments (either increases or decreases) to the deferred tax asset valuation allowance are determined based upon changes in the expected realization of the net deferred tax assets. The utilization of our deferred tax assets ultimately depends on the existence of sufficient taxable income in either the carry-back or carry-forward periods under the applicable tax law. Due to significant estimates used to establish the valuation allowance and the potential for changes in facts and circumstances, it is reasonably possible that we will be required to record adjustments to the valuation allowance in future reporting periods. Changes to the valuation allowance or the amount of deferred tax liabilities could have a materially adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, should we change our assertion regarding the permanent reinvestment of the undistributed earnings in foreign operations, a deferred tax liability may need to be established.

Our business and financial results may be adversely affected by various legal and regulatory proceedings.

We are involved from time to time in legal and regulatory proceedings, which may be material in the future. The outcome of proceedings, lawsuits and claims may differ from our expectations, leading us to change estimates of liabilities and related insurance receivables.

Legal and regulatory proceedings, whether with or without merit, and associated internal investigations, may be time-consuming and expensive to prosecute, defend or conduct, may divert management's attention and other resources, inhibit our ability to sell our products, result in adverse judgments for damages, injunctive relief, penalties and fines, and otherwise negatively affect our business.

Although our pension plans currently meet minimum funding requirements, events could occur that would require us to make significant contributions to the plans and reduce the cash available for our business.

We have several defined benefit pension plans around the world, including in the U.S., U.K., Germany, Belgium and Japan. We are required to make cash contributions to our pension plans to the extent necessary to comply with minimum funding requirements imposed by the various countries' benefit and tax laws. The amount of any such required contributions will be determined annually based on an actuarial valuation of the plans as performed by the plans' actuaries.

In previous years, we have made voluntary contributions to our U.S. qualified defined benefit pension plans. We anticipate approximately \$6 million of required cash contributions during 2026 for our defined benefit pension plans. Additional voluntary pension contributions in and after 2026 may vary depending on factors such as asset returns, interest rates, and legislative changes. The amounts we may elect or be required to contribute to our pension plans in the future may increase significantly. These contributions could be substantial and would reduce the cash available for our business.

Further, an economic downturn or recession or market disruption in the capital and credit markets may adversely impact the value of our pension plan assets, our results of operations, our statement of changes in stockholders' equity and our liquidity. Our funding obligations could change significantly based on the investment performance of the pension plan assets and changes in actuarial assumptions for local statutory funding valuations. Any deterioration of the capital markets or returns available in such markets may negatively impact our pension plan assets and increase our funding obligations for one or more of these plans and negatively impact our liquidity. We cannot predict the impact of this or any further market disruption on our pension funding obligations.

We may discontinue or divest all or part of a particular business or plant as we periodically assess our business structure. Any such discontinuations or divestitures may introduce significant risks and uncertainties.

We periodically assess our business structure in order to maintain operational efficiency and manage our cost structures. Based on our assessments, we may make decisions to discontinue or divest all or part of a particular business unit or plant. In 2025, we entered into a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of Ketjen's Refining Solutions business, with the transaction expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, in addition to completing the sale of our 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. in January 2026. We also announced the decision to place Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance in February 2026. We may continue to evaluate other business units or plants on an ongoing basis. Additionally, as part of our operational reviews, we may engage in opportunistic dispositions or monetization of product or business lines or other assets. Discontinuations or divestitures of business or plants involve significant risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. These include, among others, the inability to find potential buyers on favorable terms, disruption to our business, diversion of resources and management attention from other business concerns, loss of key employees, renegotiation or termination of key business relationships, retention of certain liabilities related to the divested business and indemnification or other post-closing claims. Additionally, we may not experience the cost reductions or other benefits anticipated from any such discontinuation or divestiture, which could harm our business going forward.

We may not be able to consummate future acquisitions or integrate acquisitions into our business, which could result in unanticipated expenses and losses.

We believe that our customers are increasingly looking for strong, long-term relationships with a few key suppliers that help them improve product performance, reduce costs, and support new product development. To satisfy these growing customer requirements, our competitors have been consolidating within product lines through mergers and acquisitions.

We may be unable to identify appropriate acquisition or joint venture candidates or may be limited by our financial resources, including available cash and borrowing capacity to complete such acquisitions or joint ventures. The expense incurred in consummating acquisitions or entering into joint ventures, the time it takes to integrate an acquisition or our failure to integrate businesses successfully, could result in unanticipated expenses and losses. Furthermore, we may not be able to realize any of the anticipated benefits from acquisitions or joint ventures.

The process of integrating acquired operations into our existing operations may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and may require significant financial resources that would otherwise be available for the ongoing development or expansion of existing operations. Some of the risks associated with the integration of acquisitions include:

- potential disruption of our ongoing business and distraction of management;
- unforeseen claims and liabilities, including unexpected environmental exposures and litigation arising from acquisitions;
- unforeseen adjustments, charges and write-offs;
- problems enforcing the indemnification obligations of sellers of businesses or joint venture partners for claims and liabilities;
- unexpected losses of customers of, or suppliers to, the acquired business;
- difficulty in conforming the acquired businesses' standards, processes, procedures and controls with our operations;
- in the case of foreign acquisitions, the need to integrate operations across different cultures and languages and to address the particular economic, currency, political and regulatory risks associated with specific countries;
- variability in financial information arising from the implementation of purchase price accounting;
- inability to coordinate new product and process development;
- loss of senior managers and other critical personnel and problems with new labor unions and cultural challenges associated with integrating employees from the acquired company into our organization;
- diversion of management's attention from other business matters; and
- challenges arising from the increased scope, geographic diversity and complexity of our operations.

Any such integration failure could disrupt our business and have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, from time to time, we may enter into negotiations for a proposed acquisition, but be unable or unwilling to consummate the acquisition under consideration. This could cause significant diversion of management's attention and out-of-pocket expenses.

General Risk Factors

Adverse conditions in the economy, and volatility and disruption of financial markets can negatively impact our customers, suppliers and other business partners and therefore have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

A global, regional or localized economic downturn may reduce customer demand or inhibit our ability to produce our products, negatively impacting our operating results. Our business and operating results have been and will continue to be sensitive to the many challenges that can affect national, regional and global economies, including economic downturns (including credit market tightness, which can impact our liquidity as well as that of our customers, suppliers and other business partners), declining consumer and business confidence, fluctuating commodity prices and volatile exchange rates. Our customers may experience deterioration of their businesses, cash flow shortages and difficulty obtaining financing, leading them to delay or cancel plans to purchase products, and they may not be able to fulfill their obligations in a timely fashion or may seek to renegotiate current arrangements to suit their circumstances. Further, suppliers and other business partners may experience similar conditions, which could impact their ability to fulfill their obligations to us. Also, it could be difficult to find replacements for business partners without incurring significant delays or cost increases. Finally, any such adverse conditions in the economy and financial markets could make it difficult for us to raise debt or equity capital on favorable terms.

Our business and operations could suffer in the event of cybersecurity breaches, information technology system failures, or network disruptions.

We and our third-party service providers have been and will continue to be subject to advanced and persistent threats in the areas of information and operational technology security and fraud. Cybersecurity attacks, especially in light of the advancement and proliferation of artificial intelligence ("AI") and machine learning technologies, may become more sophisticated over time. These attempts, which might be related to industrial or other espionage, include covertly introducing malware to computers and networks and impersonating authorized users, among others.

We have taken steps to prevent cybersecurity attacks, including by adopting Company policies covering cybersecurity and AI and engaging the Board of Directors in oversight of our cybersecurity efforts, and to mitigate the harm that would occur from a successful cybersecurity attack by purchasing insurance against cybersecurity attacks. We seek to detect and investigate all security incidents and to prevent their recurrence, as well as work with third-party service providers on detection of, and alerting us to, any incidents affecting us, but in some cases we might be unaware of an incident or its magnitude and effects. The theft, unauthorized use or publication of our intellectual property and/or confidential business information could harm our competitive position, reduce the value of our investment in research and development and other strategic initiatives or otherwise adversely affect our business. To the extent that a cybersecurity breach results in inappropriate disclosure of our employees', customers' or licensees' confidential or personal information, we may incur liability as a result. The devotion of additional resources to the security of our information technology systems in the future could significantly increase the cost of doing business or otherwise adversely impact our financial results.

In addition, risks associated with information technology systems failures or network disruptions, including risks associated with upgrading our systems or in successfully integrating information technology and other systems in connection with the integration of businesses we acquire, or vulnerabilities in our third-party service providers' systems, could disrupt our operations by impeding our processing of transactions, financial reporting and our ability to protect our customer or company information, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations. Additionally, certain information technology systems we employ increasingly integrate AI, which has the potential to result in bias, miscalculations, data errors, intellectual property infringement and other unintended consequences.

We face increased information technology security and fraud risks due to the ability of employees to work remotely, which may create additional information security vulnerabilities and/or magnify the impact of any disruption in information technology systems. Finally, we can provide no assurance that the networks and systems that our third-party service providers have established or use will be effective.

Although we have implemented certain processes, procedures and internal controls to help mitigate cybersecurity risks and cyber intrusions, these measures, as well as our increased awareness of the nature and extent of a risk of a cyber incident, do not guarantee that our financial results, operations or confidential information will not be negatively impacted by such an incident.

Integration of AI technologies into our operations may introduce new risks, require significant additional investment, and materially impact our competitive position if unsuccessful.

We currently use certain AI tools and are continually evaluating additional applications of AI technologies to enhance productivity and operational efficiency across our business. These initiatives remain subject to uncertainties inherent in emerging technologies, including potential model inaccuracy, governance and cybersecurity vulnerabilities, and challenges in monitoring and validating AI data outputs. AI-driven tools may not perform as expected, require greater resources than anticipated, or may not be adopted by users as quickly as expected.

Our AI-related activities also expose us to legal risks, as global regulatory frameworks—including U.S. federal and state initiatives, the European Union Artificial Intelligence Act, and other international laws—continue to evolve and impose new obligations concerning transparency, data governance, safety testing, human oversight, and vendor management. Compliance with these requirements could necessitate operational changes, delay deployments, increase costs, or limit our ability to use certain AI systems. Failure to successfully deploy AI technologies may result in missed innovation opportunities and competitive disadvantage.

There can be no assurance that AI systems will perform as expected, or that future market or regulatory developments will not materially delay our efforts or increase compliance burdens. Any of these outcomes could adversely affect our operations, strategic objectives, reputation, and financial results.

The occurrence or threat of extraordinary events, including domestic and international terrorist attacks, may disrupt our operations and increase costs.

Chemical-related assets may be at greater risk of future terrorist attacks than other possible targets in the U.S. and around the world. As a result, we are subject to existing federal rules and regulations (and may be subject to additional legislation or regulations in the future) that impose site security requirements on chemical manufacturing facilities, which increase our overhead expenses.

We are also subject to federal regulations that have heightened security requirements for the transportation of hazardous chemicals in the U.S. We believe we have met these requirements but additional federal and local regulations that limit the distribution of hazardous materials are being considered. We ship and receive materials that are classified as hazardous. Bans on movement of hazardous materials through cities, like Washington, D.C., could affect the efficiency of our logistical operations. Broader restrictions on hazardous material movements could lead to additional investment to produce hazardous raw materials and change where and what products we manufacture.

The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program (“CFATS Program”), which is administered by the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), identifies and regulates chemical facilities to ensure that they have security measures in place to reduce the risks associated with potential terrorist attacks on chemical plants located in the U.S. DHS has enacted rules under the CFATS Program that impose comprehensive federal security regulations for high-risk chemical facilities in possession of specified quantities of chemicals of interest. We have implemented all necessary changes to comply with the rules under the CFATS Program to date, however, we cannot determine with certainty any future costs associated with any additional security measures that DHS may require.

The occurrence of extraordinary events, including future terrorist attacks and the outbreak or escalation of hostilities, cannot be predicted, and their occurrence can be expected to continue to negatively affect the economy in general, and the markets for our products in particular. The resulting damage from a direct attack on our assets, or assets used by us, could include loss of life and property damage. In addition, available insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover all of the damage incurred or, if available, may be prohibitively expensive.

National or international disputes, political instability, terrorism war or armed hostilities, could impact our results of operations.

Geo-political events, national or international disputes, political instability, terrorism or other acts of violence, war or armed hostilities may cause damage or disruption to our operations, international commerce and the global economy. Such geo-political instability and uncertainty could have a negative impact on our ability to conduct business in certain regions based on trade restrictions, embargoes and export control law restrictions, and logistics restrictions, and could increase the costs, risks and adverse impacts from these new challenges. We may also be the subject of increased cybersecurity breaches arising from geo-political instability. Any such events may also have the effect of heightening many of the other risks described herein, such as those relating to capital markets, raw materials, energy and freight costs, our supply chain, information security and market conditions, any of which could negatively affect our businesses, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

The U.S. government and other nations have imposed significant restrictions on most companies' ability to do business in Russia as a result of the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine. It is not possible to predict the broader or longer-term consequences of this conflict, which could include further sanctions, embargoes, regional instability, energy shortages, geopolitical shifts and adverse effects on macroeconomic conditions, security conditions, currency exchange rates and financial markets. We currently do not sell our products into Russia nor have assets or any operations in the country, however, a significant escalation or expansion of economic disruption or the conflict's current scope could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations due to its impact in the countries in which we do conduct business.

At this time, the current situation in the Middle East has resulted in our business operations continuing as normal with some shipping and raw material delays. However, the geo-political climate remains volatile and a disruption could occur at any time, potentially causing a financial impact to our business.

Natural disasters or other unanticipated catastrophes could impact our operations and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position, and cash flows.

The occurrence of natural disasters, such as hurricanes, floods, droughts, heat and extreme temperatures, thunderstorms or earthquakes; pandemics; or other unanticipated catastrophes at any of the locations in which we or our key partners, suppliers, or customers do business could cause interruptions in our operations. Historically, major hurricanes have caused significant disruption to the operations on the U.S. Gulf Coast for many of our customers and certain of our suppliers of raw materials, which has had an adverse impact on volume and cost for some of our products. Our operations in Chile could be subject to fluctuations in precipitation and earthquakes, and our operations in Asia could be subject to weather events such as typhoons. A global or regional pandemic or similar outbreak in a region in which we or our key partners, customers, or suppliers operate could disrupt business, depending on factors including, but not limited to, the duration and severity of the pandemic, government restrictions on businesses and individuals, impact on demand for our products, impact on the supply chain network, and the health and safety of our employees and the communities in which we do business. If similar or other weather events, natural disasters, or other catastrophic events occur in the future, they could negatively affect the results of operations at our sites in the affected regions as well as have adverse impacts on the global economy.

Our insurance may not fully cover all potential exposures.

We utilize a combination of commercial insurance and self-insurance programs, including a captive insurance subsidiary, to manage certain property, liability, and/or other risks, but such insurance may not cover all risks associated with the hazards of our business and is subject to limitations. While we endeavor to self-insure and purchase coverage that is appropriate based on our assessment of our risk, we are unable to predict with certainty the frequency, nature or magnitude of claims for direct or consequential damages. Assessing the probability of a loss occurring and the timing and amount of any loss related to a regulatory matter or a legal proceeding is inherently difficult, and there are particular uncertainties and complexities involved when assessing the adequacy of loss reserves for potential liabilities that are self-insured by our captive insurance subsidiary. While our insurance arrangements help mitigate market volatility, they expose us to potential variability in earnings and cash flows. We may incur losses beyond the limits, or outside the coverage, of our insurance policies, including liabilities for environmental remediation. In addition, from time to time, various types of insurance for companies in the specialty chemical industry have not been available on commercially acceptable terms or, in some cases, have not been available at all. Significant losses, particularly those arising from catastrophic events, may exceed the limits of our insurance coverage or captive capacity. In addition, changes in insurance markets, regulatory requirements applicable to captive insurers, or tax laws could increase our costs or reduce the effectiveness of these programs. In the future, we may not be able to obtain coverage at current levels, if at all, and our premiums may increase significantly on coverage that we maintain. Any such developments could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We are potentially at risk if one or more of our insurance carriers fail. Additionally, severe disruptions in the domestic and global financial markets could adversely impact the ratings and survival of some insurers. Future downgrades in the ratings of enough insurers could adversely impact both the availability of appropriate insurance coverage and its cost.

We may be exposed to certain physical, transitional, regulatory and financial risks related to climate change.

Impacts of climate change include changes in rainfall and in storm patterns and intensities, water scarcity, significantly changing sea levels and increasing atmospheric and water temperatures, among others. For example, our Salar de Atacama and La Negra sites in Chile have high baseline water stress indicators, where fluctuation in precipitation could materially impact our ability to extract lithium brine and production of the converted lithium may be interrupted. In addition, there have been concerns regarding water scarcity, declining precipitation and drought in Jordan, where our joint venture, JBC, produces bromine. Climate changes and unprecedented weather events may pose a risk to business operations in vulnerable areas. In some regions including China, extreme heat and drought conditions could also impact the availability of hydropower resulting

in decreased production and/or increased costs. Storms could cause business interruptions, incur additional restoration costs, and impact product availability and pricing. Disruptions to the global supply chain due to climate related impacts or geopolitical events are possible and exist as external risk factors that we can respond to but not control. These events could limit the supply of key raw materials to us, or could have significant impacts to pricing. We work with numerous independent suppliers to mitigate lack of availability from a single supplier, however in some cases products with limited numbers of suppliers may become difficult to obtain.

Potential transition risks related to climate change include potential loss of customers due to climate-related performance and increased costs related to carbon pricing. Growing concerns about climate change may result in the imposition of additional regulations or restrictions to which we may become subject. A number of governments or governmental bodies have introduced or are contemplating regulatory changes in response to climate change, including installing external carbon pricing mechanisms, such as emissions trading schemes and carbon taxes. In addition, we have operations in the E.U., Brazil, China, Japan, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates, which have implemented, or may implement, measures to achieve objectives under the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (“UNFCCC”), which set targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Significant regional or national differences in approaches to environmental laws and regulations could affect us disproportionately compared to our competitors and result in a competitive disadvantage to us.

The outcome of new legislation or regulation in the U.S. and other jurisdictions in which we operate may result in new or additional requirements, additional charges to fund energy efficiency activities, and fees or restrictions on certain activities. We may have heightened credit risk due to our exposure to climate risks. While certain climate change initiatives may result in new business opportunities for us in the area of energy storage and electrification, compliance with these initiatives may also result in additional costs to us, including, among other things, increased production costs, additional taxes, reduced emission allowances or additional restrictions on production or operations. Any adopted future climate change regulations could also negatively impact our ability to compete with companies situated in areas not subject to such limitations. Even without such regulation, increased public awareness and adverse publicity about potential impacts on climate change emanating from us or our industry could harm us. We may not be able to recover the cost of compliance with new or more stringent laws and regulations, which could adversely affect our business and negatively impact our growth. Furthermore, the potential impact of climate change and related regulation, market trends or litigation on the Company is highly uncertain and there can be no assurance that it will not have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Failure to meet sustainability expectations or standards or achieve our sustainability goals could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, or stock price.

We have previously established and publicly announced certain goals, commitments and targets, which we may refine in the future, in respect of our sustainability initiatives. Meeting these sustainability goals will require significant resources and expenditures, and we may face pressure to make commitments, establish additional goals, and take actions to meet them beyond our current plans. If customers and potential customers are dissatisfied with our sustainability goals or our progress towards meeting them, then they may choose not to buy our products and services, which could lead to reduced revenue, and our reputation could be harmed. In addition, we could experience reduced revenue and reputational harm if we are targeted by anti-sustainability groups or influential individuals who disagree with our public positions on social or environmental issues. Additionally, lawsuits or regulatory actions based on allegations that certain public statements regarding sustainability-related matters by companies are false and misleading “greenwashing” campaigns could adversely impact our operations and could have an adverse impact on our financial condition.

We may be unable to satisfactorily meet evolving standards, regulations and disclosure requirements related to sustainability. Such matters can affect the willingness or ability of investors to make an investment in our Company, as well as our ability to meet regulatory requirements, including proposed rules related to greenhouse gas emissions. Any failure, or perceived failure, to meet evolving stakeholder expectations, additional regulations and industry standards or achieve our sustainability goals, commitments, and targets could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, or stock price.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

NONE

Item 1C. Cybersecurity.

Albemarle recognizes the importance of maintaining the security and integrity of our information systems and the data we collect, process, and store. We have implemented a comprehensive cybersecurity program based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") Cybersecurity Framework ("CSF"). As such, we map the CSF to corresponding legal, regulatory, and industry security practices, which guide our global policies and procedures to prevent, identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from cybersecurity threats and incidents. Our cybersecurity program is managed by our Cybersecurity Director and is overseen by our Chief Information Officer ("CIO"), who assumes responsibility for the Chief Information Security Officer ("CISO") role. The cybersecurity program is integrated into our overall enterprise risk management framework and thus is factored into our long-term strategy and business continuity plans. Our Cybersecurity Director brings extensive experience in cybersecurity, including service in U.S. Army Cyber Operations, and has led initiatives in threat management, risk mitigation, and security architecture to strengthen enterprise resilience. His expertise in incident response and security strategy ensures our cybersecurity program remains aligned with industry best practices and evolving cyber threats.

The Audit and Finance Committee ("AFC") of our Board of Directors oversees information security matters and the Company's cybersecurity program. Our CIO reports on cybersecurity related matters, including the status of ongoing initiatives, incident reporting, compliance with regulatory requirements and industry standards, and emerging threats in global cybersecurity, on an as needed basis, but at least annually, to the AFC and executive leadership. The AFC and executive leadership offer guidance on certain matters and approval for material initiatives. In addition, the full Board of Directors is updated on cybersecurity matters as needed depending on the nature and materiality of a cybersecurity matter.

All information assets are inventoried, classified, prioritized, and protected based on the respective risk, with appropriate cybersecurity controls applied to each. We have also implemented and maintain a documents management program which governs the classification, protection, and use of sensitive company data within the Albemarle environment.

All business-requested technologies and third-party service providers must successfully complete a thorough cybersecurity and contract review before being approved for use, after which they are continuously monitored as part of our supply chain risk management program. Cybersecurity risks and potential costs are evaluated as a part of business operations, and the respective business impacts are continuously assessed to address evolving threats and vulnerabilities. We engage a third-party global firm to conduct an annual cyber assessment using the CSF, and we engage external vendors to validate our security controls and procedures through periodic penetration tests.

We follow a zero-trust architecture approach and enforce the use of multi-factor authentication and virtual private network technologies for all external access to provide secure support for our remote workers. We have implemented a global AI policy to govern AI development, deployment, and monitoring, which is aligned with both NIST AI risk management and applicable legal standards. Information security training is part of our compliance program, and includes mandatory security training for new hires, mandatory yearly security training for all staff, and periodic phishing tests to raise awareness and response actions.

Our team of cybersecurity professionals are responsible for maintaining a global information systems environment that focuses on least privilege, least functionality, and network segmentation throughout the landscape using a layered approach (i.e. a defense-in-depth strategy). This includes a security operations center and cybersecurity analysts who provide 24/7 network monitoring supported by an in-house incident response team.

As further discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors, a material cybersecurity incident could significantly increase the cost of doing business or otherwise adversely impact our financial results and condition. To date we have not had a cybersecurity incident that has had, or is reasonably likely to have, a material effect on our financial results or business operations; however, we monitor and work to continuously improve our cybersecurity program as threats become more frequent and sophisticated. We also maintain cybersecurity insurance consistent with industry practice.

Our manufacturing sites have formal business continuity plans that address site-specific priority responses, each determined through business impact analyses that integrate within our overall corporate crisis management response plan and enterprise risk management program. We conduct an annual incident response tabletop exercise as well as periodic exercises of formalized site business continuity plans. Lessons learned from the outcomes of these exercises are then assessed and used to inform and improve our formal cyber response procedures and business continuity plans.

In the event of, or the reasonably likely threat of, a cybersecurity incident, our cyber response procedures outline the tasks and timeline for the escalation of the incident to key members of the organization, including the information technology team, business unit management, and Albemarle executives and other key management. These individuals would participate in a

special event management plan activation meeting to gain an understanding as to how the incident was detected and analysis of the incident. Each member of management involved would be responsible for assessing the risks, impact, and necessary response as determined by their role. The procedures include key considerations each manager should consider in their assessment as well as their responsibility for involvement in remediation efforts and post-incident strategic reviews. Specific legal and executive role procedures include the assessment of necessary internal communication and external reporting. The Chief Executive Officer, with the support of other executive officers, is responsible for approval of incident reporting and informing and updating the Board of Directors.

Item 2. Properties.

We operate globally, with our principal executive offices located in Charlotte, North Carolina and regional shared services offices located in Budapest, Hungary and Dalian, China. Each of these properties are leased. We and our affiliates also operate regional sales, technology and administrative offices in various locations throughout the world, which are generally leased.

We believe that our production facilities, research and development facilities, and sales and administrative offices are generally well maintained, effectively used and are adequate to operate our business. During 2025, the Company's manufacturing plants operated at approximately 81% capacity, in the aggregate.

Set forth below is information regarding our production facilities operated by us and our affiliates. Additional details regarding our significant mineral properties can be found below the table.

Location	Principal Use	Owned/Leased
Energy Storage		
Chengdu, China ^(a)	Production of technical and battery-grade lithium hydroxide	Owned
Greenbushes, Australia ^(b)	Production of lithium spodumene minerals and lithium concentrate	Owned ^(e)
Kemerton, Australia ^(c)	Production of technical and battery-grade lithium hydroxide	Owned
Kings Mountain, NC	Production of technical and battery-grade lithium hydroxide, lithium salts and battery-grade lithium metal products	Owned
La Negra, Chile	Production of technical and battery-grade lithium carbonate	Owned
Meishan, China	Production of technical and battery-grade lithium hydroxide	Owned
Qinzhou, China	Production of lithium carbonate and technical and battery-grade lithium hydroxide	Owned
Salar de Atacama, Chile ^(b)	Production of lithium brine and potash	Owned ^(f)
Silver Peak, NV ^(b)	Production of lithium brine, technical-grade lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide	Owned
Wodgina, Australia ^(b)	Production of lithium spodumene minerals and lithium concentrate	Owned and leased ^(e)
Xinyu, China	Production of technical and battery-grade lithium hydroxide	Owned
Specialties		
Baton Rouge, LA	Research and product development activities, and production of fire safety solutions	Leased
Langelsheim, Germany	Production of butyllithium, lithium chloride, specialty products, lithium hydrides, cesium and special metals	Owned
Magnolia, AR ^(b)	Production of fire safety solutions, bromine, inorganic bromides, agricultural intermediates and tertiary amines	Owned
New Johnsonville, TN	Production of butyllithium and specialty products	Owned
Safi, Jordan ^(b)	Production of bromine and derivatives and fire safety solutions	Owned and leased ^(e)
Taichung, Taiwan	Production of butyllithium	Owned
Ketjen^(d)		
Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Production of refinery catalysts, research and product development activities	Owned
Bayport, TX	Production of refinery catalysts, research and product development activities	Owned
Niihama, Japan	Production of refinery catalysts	Leased ^(e)

Location	Principal Use	Owned/Leased
Pasadena, TX	Production of variety of chemical products, including aluminum and magnesium alkyls and alkyltes	Owned
Santa Cruz, Brazil	Production of catalysts, research and product development activities	Owned ^(e)

- (a) The Chengdu, China conversion facility was placed into care and maintenance during 2025.
- (b) See below for further discussion of these significant mineral extraction facilities.
- (c) Following the February 2026 announcement that Kemerton Train 1 will be placed into care and maintenance, both of the constructed trains of the Kemerton plant will be in care and maintenance.
- (d) With the exception of the Pasadena, TX site, the Ketjen sites listed are expected to be included in the Refining Solutions Business Transaction noted in Item 1. Business. Immaterial production facilities owned by unconsolidated joint ventures are not listed.
- (e) Owned or leased by joint venture.
- (f) Ownership will revert to the Chilean government once we have sold all remaining amounts under our contract with the Chilean government pursuant to which we obtain lithium brine in Chile.

Mineral Properties

Set forth below are details regarding our mineral properties operated by us and our affiliates, which have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K issued by the SEC. The following terms used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are defined and used in accordance with subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K:

Mineral resource - a concentration or occurrence of **material of economic interest** in or on the Earth's crust in such form, grade or quality, and quantity that there are reasonable prospects for economic extraction.

Measured mineral resource - that part of a **mineral resource** for which quantity and grade or quality are estimated on the basis of conclusive geological evidence and sampling. The level of geological certainty associated with a **measured mineral resource** is sufficient to allow a **qualified person** to apply **modifying factors** in sufficient detail to support detailed mine **planning** and final evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit.

Indicated mineral resource - that part of a **mineral resource** for which quantity and grade or quality are estimated on the basis of adequate geological evidence and sampling. The level of geological certainty associated with an **indicated mineral resource** is sufficient to allow a **qualified person** to apply **modifying factors** in sufficient detail to support mine **planning** and evaluation of the economic viability of the deposit.

Inferred mineral resource - that part of a **mineral resource** for which quantity and grade or quality are estimated on the basis of limited geological evidence and sampling. The level of geological uncertainty associated with an **inferred mineral resource** is too high to apply relevant technical and economic factors likely to influence the prospects of economic extraction in a manner useful for evaluation of economic viability.

Mineral reserve - an estimate of tonnage and grade or quality of indicated and measured **mineral resources** that, in the opinion of the **qualified person**, can be the basis of an economically viable project.

Proven mineral reserve - the economically mineable part of a **measured mineral resource** and can only result from conversion of a **measured mineral resource**.

Probable mineral reserve - the economically mineable part of an indicated and, in some cases, a **measured mineral resource**.

Cut-off grade - the grade (i.e., the concentration of metal or mineral in rock) that determines the destination of the **material** during mining. For purposes of establishing "prospects of economic extraction," the **cut-off grade** is the grade that distinguishes **material** deemed to have no economic value from **material** deemed to have economic value.

Under subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K, mineral resources may not be classified as "mineral reserves" unless the determination has been made by a qualified person ("QP") that the mineral resources can be the basis of an economically viable project.

Except for that portion of mineral resources classified as mineral reserves, mineral resources do not have demonstrated economic value. Inferred mineral resources are estimates based on limited geological evidence and sampling and have a too high of a degree of uncertainty as to their existence to apply relevant technical and economic factors likely to influence the prospects of economic extraction in a manner useful for evaluation of economic viability. Estimates of inferred mineral resources may not be converted to a mineral reserve. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource

will ever be upgraded to a higher category. A significant amount of exploration must be completed in order to determine whether an inferred mineral resource may be upgraded to a higher category. Therefore, it cannot be assumed that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource exists, that it can be the basis of an economically viable project, that it will ever be upgraded to a higher category, or that all or any part of the mineral resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves. See risk factor - “Our inability to develop lithium or bromine reserves that are economically viable could have a material adverse effect on our future profitability,” in Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Overview



At December 31, 2025, we had the following mineral extraction sites:

Location	Business Segment	Ownership %	Extraction Type	Stage
Argentina				
Antofalla	Energy Storage	100%	Brine	Exploration
Australia				
Greenbushes	Energy Storage	49%	Hard rock	Production
Wodgina ^(a)	Energy Storage	50%	Hard rock	Production
Chile				
Salar de Atacama ^(b)	Energy Storage	100%	Brine	Production
Jordan				
Safi ^(b)	Specialties	50%	Brine	Production
United States				
Kings Mountain, NC	Energy Storage	100%	Hard rock	Exploration
Magnolia, AR ^(b)	Specialties	100%	Brine	Production
Silver Peak, NV ^(b)	Energy Storage	100%	Brine	Production

- (a) Production of spodumene concentrate at the Wodgina mine resumed in the second quarter of 2022 after it had been idled in 2019, following the acquisition of our interest in Wodgina. On October 18, 2023, we completed the restructuring of our MARBL joint venture, which reduced our ownership percentage of Wodgina from 60% to 50%.

- (b) Site includes on-site, or otherwise near-by, exclusive conversion facilities. See individual property disclosure below for further details.

Aggregate annual production from our mineral extraction facilities is shown in the below table. Amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on ownership percentages noted above and are shown in thousands of metric tonnes of

lithium metal and bromine production. Lithium and bromine are extracted as brine or hard rock concentrate at the extraction facilities. These are then further converted into various compounds and products at on-site processing facilities or other conversion facilities owned by Albemarle around the world. In addition, the brine or concentrate can be used by tolling entities for further processing.

	Aggregate Annual Production (metric tonnes in thousands)		
	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Lithium (lithium metal)^(a)			
Australia			
Greenbushes ^(b)	19	19	21
Wodgina ^(c)	8	6	7
Chile			
Salar de Atacama ^(d)	14	13	10
United States			
Silver Peak, NV	1	1	1
Total lithium metal	42	39	39
Bromine			
Jordan			
Safi ^{(e)(f)}	57	56	58
United States			
Magnolia, AR ^(g)	69	65	65
Total bromine	126	121	123

- (a) Lithium production amounts shown as lithium metal. Conversion to lithium carbonate equivalent ("LCE") is 0.1878 metric tonne of lithium metal to 1 metric tonne of LCE.
- (b) Production from Greenbushes represents 49% of production of the Greenbushes mine, which is attributable to the Company's interest in the Windfield joint venture.
- (c) Production amounts presented from Wodgina represent 60% of production of the Wodgina mine which is attributable to the Company's interest in the MARBL joint venture until October 18, 2023, when we reduced our ownership percentage to 50% following the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with MRL. The above production amounts reflect that change in ownership percentage beginning on October 18, 2023.
- (d) The Salar de Atacama operation also produces potash (potassium chloride), bischofite, halite and sylvinite as byproducts. However, the Company does not consider production of these byproducts as material to the economics of the operation.
- (e) Production from Safi represents the 50% production by the Jordan Bromine Project, which is attributable to the Company's interest in the JBC joint venture.
- (f) The Safi operation also produces potassium hydroxide ("KOH") as a byproduct. However, the Company does not consider production of this byproduct as material to the economics of the operation.
- (g) In addition, elemental sulfur and sodium hydrosulfide solution ("NaHS") are manufactured from the sour gas produced by the Magnolia operation. However, the Company does not consider these products as material to the economics of the operation.

See individual property disclosure below for further details regarding mineral rights, titles, property size, permits and other information for our significant mineral extraction properties. The extracted brine or hard rock is processed at facilities on location (as described below) or processed, or further processed, at other facilities throughout the world.

The following table provides a summary of our mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, at December 31, 2025. The below mineral resource amounts are rounded and shown in thousands of metric tonnes. Where applicable, the amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on ownership percentages noted. The relevant technical information supporting mineral resources for each material property is included in the "Material Individual Properties" section below, as well as in the technical report summaries filed as Exhibits 96.1 to 96.6 to this report.

	Measured Mineral Resources		Indicated Mineral Resources		Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources		Inferred Mineral Resources	
	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)
Lithium - Hard Rock:								
Australia								
Greenbushes ^(a)	—	—	62,500	1.2%	62,500	1.2%	43,100	1.6%
Wodgina ^(b)	—	—	23,600	1.0%	23,600	1.0%	15,100	1.3%
United States								
Kings Mountain, NC	—	—	63,860	1.4%	63,860	1.4%	27,610	1.2%
	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)
Lithium - Brine:								
Argentina								
Antofalla	521	427	382	381	903	406	888	364
Chile								
Salar de Atacama	732	2,255	691	2,042	1,422	2,146	146	1,785
United States								
Silver Peak, NV	7	169	11	155	17	160	102	130

(a) Through our Windfield joint venture, we own a 49% interest in the Greenbushes mine. We are therefore reporting 49% of Greenbushes' mineral resources.

(b) Through our MARBL joint venture, we own a 50% interest in Wodgina. We are therefore reporting 50% of Wodgina's mineral resources.

The feedstock for the Safi, Jordan site, owned 50% by Albemarle through its JBC joint venture, is drawn from the Dead Sea, a nonconventional reservoir owned by the nations of Israel and Jordan. As such, there are no specific resources owned by JBC, but Albemarle's joint venture partner, Arab Potash Company ("APC") has exclusive rights granted by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to withdraw brine from the Dead Sea and process it to extract minerals. The measured resource of bromide ion attributable to Albemarle's 50% interest in its JBC joint venture is estimated to be 162.43 million metric tonnes. JBC is extracting approximately 1 percent of the bromine available in Jordan's share of the Dead Sea. Bromide concentration in the Dead Sea is estimated to average 5,000 parts per million ("ppm").

There are no mineral resource estimates at the Magnolia, AR bromine extraction site. All bromine mineral accumulations of economic interest and with reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction within the Magnolia production lease area are either currently on production or subject to an economically viable future development plan and are classified as mineral reserves.

The following table provides a summary of our mineral reserves at December 31, 2025. The below mineral reserve amounts are rounded and shown in thousands of metric tonnes. The amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on ownership percentages noted above. The relevant technical information supporting mineral reserves for each material property is included in the "Material Individual Properties" section below, as well as in the technical report summaries referenced in Exhibits 96.1 to 96.6 to this report.

	Proven Mineral Reserves		Probable Mineral Reserves		Total Mineral Reserves	
	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)
Lithium - Hard Rock:						
Australia						
Greenbushes ^(a)	—	—	79,800	1.9%	79,800	1.9%
Wodgina ^(b)	—	—	51,100	1.3%	51,100	1.3%
	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)
Lithium - Brine:						
Chile						
Salar de Atacama	188	2,643	120	2,385	308	2,270
United States						
Silver Peak, NV	14	97	64	119	78	115
Bromine:						
United States						
Magnolia, AR ^(c)	2,264		395		2,658	

(a) Through our Windfield joint venture, we own a 49% interest in the Greenbushes mine. We are therefore reporting 49% of Greenbushes' mineral reserves.

(b) Through our MARBL joint venture, we own a 50% interest in Wodgina. We are therefore reporting 50% of Wodgina's mineral resources.

(c) The concentration of bromine at the Magnolia site varies based on the physical location of the field and can range over 6,600 mg/L.

All bromine reserves reported by Albemarle for the JBC project are classified as proven mineral reserves. The mineral reserve estimate for the Safi, Jordan bromine site attributable to Albemarle's 50% interest in its JBC joint venture is approximately 2.1 million metric tonnes of bromine from the Dead Sea. This estimate is based on the time available under the concession agreement with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the processing capability of the JBC plant. As only approximately one percent of the available resource is consumed from the Dead Sea, as noted above, the reserve estimate is based on the amount the JBC plant can produce over until the end of 2058, when the APC concession agreement ends. Bromide ion concentration of concentrated bromide-enriched brine from the APC evaporation pond used to estimate the reserve from the Dead Sea was 8,775 ppm based on historical pumping.

Mineral resource and reserve estimates were prepared by a QP with an effective date provided in the individual technical report summaries referenced in Exhibits 96.1 to 96.6 to this report. Differences between the amounts in the table above and those amounts in the technical report summaries represent estimated depletion from the effective date of the report until December 31, 2025. Our mineral resource and reserve estimates are based on many factors, including the area and volume covered by our mining rights, assumptions regarding our extraction rates based upon an expectation of operating the mines on a long-term basis and the quality of in-place reserves.

Internal Controls

The modeling and analysis of our mineral resources and reserves was developed by our site personnel and reviewed by several levels of internal management, as well as the QP for each site. The development of such resources and reserves estimates, including related assumptions, were prepared by a QP.

When determining resources and reserves, as well as the differences between resources and reserves, management developed specific criteria, each of which must be met to qualify as a resource or reserve, respectively. These criteria, such as demonstration of economic viability, points of reference and grade, are specific and attainable. The QP and management agree on the reasonableness of the criteria for the purposes of estimating resources and reserves. Calculations using these criteria are reviewed and validated by the QP.

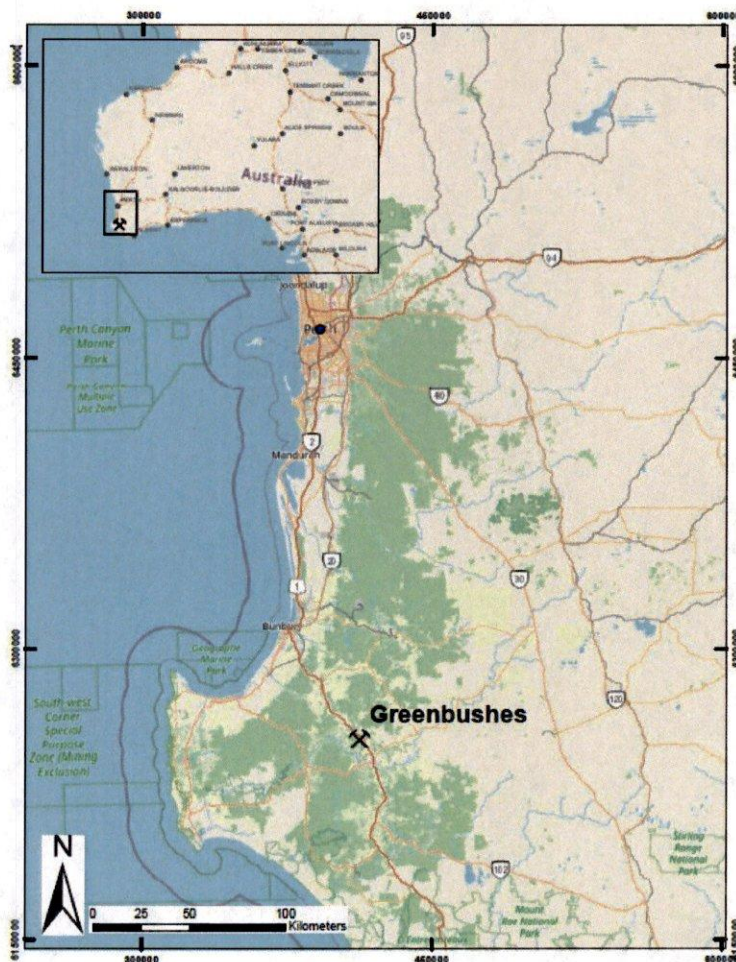
Estimations and assumptions were developed independently for each significant mineral location. All estimates require a combination of historical data and key assumptions and parameters. When possible, resources and data from public information and generally accepted industry sources, such as governmental resource agencies, were used to develop these estimations.

Each site has developed quality control and quality assurance ("QC/QA") procedures, which were reviewed by the QP, to ensure the process for developing mineral resource and reserve estimates were sufficiently accurate. QC/QA procedures include independent checks (duplicates) on samples by third party laboratories, blind blank/standard insertion into sample streams, duplicate sampling, among others. In addition, the QPs reviewed the consistency of historical production at each site as part of their analysis of the QC/QA procedures. See details of the controls for each site in the technical summary reports filed as Exhibits 96.1 to 96.6 to this report.

We recognize the risks inherent in mineral resource and reserve estimates, such as the geological complexity, the interpretation and extrapolation of field and well data, changes in operating approach, macroeconomic conditions and new data, among others. The capital, operating and economic analysis estimates rely on a range of assumptions and forecasts that are subject to change. In addition, certain estimates are based on mineral rights agreements with local and foreign governments. Any changes to these access rights could impact the estimates of mineral resources and reserves calculated in these reports. Overestimated resources and reserves resulting from these risks could have a material effect on future profitability.

Material Individual Properties

Greenbushes, Australia



The Greenbushes mine is a hard rock, open pit mine (latitude 33° 52' S, longitude 116° 04' E) located approximately 250km south of Perth, Western Australia, 90km southeast of the port of Bunbury, a major bulk-handling port in the southwest of Western Australia. The lithium mining operation is near the Greenbushes townsite located in the Shire of Bridgetown-

Greenbushes. Access to the Greenbushes Mine is via the paved South Western Highway between Bunbury and Bridgetown to Greenbushes Township and via the paved Maranup Ford Road to the Greenbushes Mine.

Lithium production from the Greenbushes Mine has been undertaken continuously for more than 20 years. Modern exploration has been undertaken on the property since the mid-1980s, first by Greenbushes Limited, then by Lithium Australia Ltd and in turn by Sons of Gwalia prior to the acquisition of Greenbushes by Talison in 2007. Initial exploration focused largely on tantalum, with the emphasis changing to lithium from around 2000. In 2014, Rockwood acquired a 49% ownership interest in Windfield, which owns 100% of Talison, from Sichuan Tianqi Lithium Industries Inc. This 49% ownership in Windfield was assumed by Albemarle in 2015 as part of the acquisition of Rockwood. We purchase lithium concentrate from Windfield, and our investment in the joint venture is reported as an unconsolidated equity investment on our balance sheet.

About 55% of the tenements held by Talison are covered by Western Australia's State Forest, which is under the authority of the Western Australia Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. The majority of the remaining land is private land that covers about 40% of the surface rights. The remaining ground comprises crown land, road reserves and other miscellaneous reserves. The tenements cover a total area of approximately 10,000 hectares and include the historic Greenbushes tin, tantalum and current lithium mining areas. See section 3 of the Greenbushes technical report summary, filed as Exhibit 96.1 to this report, for a listing of tenements held by the Greenbushes site. Talison holds the mining rights for all lithium minerals on these tenements. The operating open pit lithium mining and processing plant area covers approximately 3,500 hectares comprising three mining leases. All lithium mining activities, including tailings storage, processing plant operations, open pits and waste rock dumps, are currently carried out within the boundaries of the three mining leases plus two general purpose leases. In order to keep the granted tenements in good standing, Talison is required to maintain permits, make an annual contribution to the statutory Mining Rehabilitation Fund and pay a royalty on concentrate sales for lithium mineral production as prescribed under the Mining Act 1978 in Western Australia. There are no private royalties that apply to the Greenbushes property. Talison continues to review all tenements on an annual basis and ensures compliance with relevant regulatory requirements and fees for maintenance of these tenements.

The Greenbushes pegmatite deposit consists of a primary pegmatite intrusion (Central Lode) with a smaller, sub-parallel pegmatite to the east (Kapanga). The primary intrusion and its subsidiary dikes and pods are concentrated within shear zones within a metamorphic belt consisting of granofels, ultramafic schists and amphibolites. The pegmatites are crosscut by mafic dolerite dikes. The Central Lode pegmatite is over 3 kilometers long (north by northwest), up to 300 meters wide (normal to dip), strikes north to north-west and dips moderately to steeply west to south-west. The Kapanga deposit sits approximately 300 m to the east of the Central Lode deposit with strike length of 1.8 km, thickness averaging 150 meters and dips between 40° and 60° toward the west. Current drilling has defined the Kapanga deposit to approximately 450 meters depth below surface. The major minerals from the Greenbushes pegmatite are quartz, spodumene, albite and K-feldspar.

The main lithium-bearing minerals are spodumene (containing approximately 8% lithium oxide) and varieties kunzite and hiddenite. Minor to trace lithium minerals include lepidolite mica, amblygonite and lithiophilite. Lithium is readily leached in the weathering environment and thus is virtually non-existent in weathered pegmatite. Exploration drilling at Greenbushes has been ongoing for over 40 years using reverse circulation and diamond drill holes.

Three lithium mineral processing plants are currently operating on the Greenbushes site, two chemical grade plants and a technical grade plant. Tailings are discharged to the tailings storage facility without the need for any neutralization process. Additional infrastructure on site includes power and water supply facilities, a laboratory, administrative offices, occupational health/safety/training offices, dedicated mines rescue area, stores, storage sheds, workshops and engineering offices. The Greenbushes site also leases production drills, excavators, trucks and various support equipment to extract the ore deposit by open pit methods. Talison's power is delivered by a local distribution system and reticulated and metered within the site. Water is sourced from rainfall and stored in several process dams located on site. We consider the condition of all of our plants, facilities and equipment to be suitable and adequate for the businesses we conduct, and we maintain them regularly. As of December 31, 2025, our 49% ownership interest of the gross asset value of the facilities at the Greenbushes site was approximately \$1.1 billion. Greenbushes completed construction of a new third chemical grade plant with commercial production expected during 2026. Other planned upgrades to the infrastructure include a new mine service area, a new mine access road, expansions of warehouse and laboratories and the expansion of tailings facilities.

Talison ships the chemical-grade lithium concentrate in vessels to our facilities in Meishan, Qinzhou and Xinyu, China to process into battery-grade lithium hydroxide. In addition, the output from Talison can be used by tolling entities in China to produce both lithium carbonate and lithium hydroxide.

A summary of the Greenbushes facility's lithium mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, and reserves as of December 31, 2025 is shown in the following tables. SLR International Corporation ("SLR"), a third-party firm comprising mining experts

in accordance with Item 1302(b)(1) of Regulation S-K, served as the QP and prepared the estimates of lithium mineral resources and reserves at the Greenbushes facility, with an effective date of June 30, 2025. A copy of the QP's most recent technical report summary with respect to the lithium mineral resource and reserve estimates at the Greenbushes facility, dated February 11, 2026, with an effective date of June 30, 2025, is filed as Exhibit 96.1 to this report. Economic assumptions remain unchanged from June 30, 2025. The June 30, 2025 resources and reserves have been depleted for actual production and is reported as of December 31, 2025 in the below table. The amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on a 49% ownership percentage, and are presented as metric tonnes of lithium ore in thousands.

The Greenbushes mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)
Indicated mineral resources	62,500	1.2%
Inferred mineral resources	43,100	1.6%

- Amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion of mineral resources of 49%.
- Mineral resources are reported exclusive of mineral reserves. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- Mineral resources have been reported as in situ (hard rock within an optimized pit shell and above the effective cut-off grade), with reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction remaining available.
- Classification of the Mineral Resource has taken into account varying confidence levels and assessment, and whether the appropriate account has been taken for all relevant factors, i.e., relative confidence in tonnage/grade, computations, confidence in the continuity of geology and grade, quantity and distribution of the data and the results reflect the view of the QP.
- The cut-off grade of 0.3% Li₂O is based on estimated mining and processing costs and recovery factors.
- The long-term price of \$1,500/metric tonne of product over a timeline of 7 to 10 years is above the current spot price and was selected based on the reasonable long-term prospect rather than the short-term viability (0.5 to 2 years).
- Mineral resources tonnage and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Greenbushes indicated mineral resources of 62.5 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 66% from 37.6 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The Greenbushes inferred mineral resources of 43.1 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 426% from 8.2 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The overall increase in mineral resources was primarily driven by material additional drilling completed predominately targeting underground area, significant reinterpretation and modeling of the deposits and a decreased cut-off grade from 0.55% to 0.3%.

The Greenbushes mineral reserve estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)
Probable mineral reserves:		
Open Pit	78,300	1.9%
Stockpiles	400	2.3%
Tailings Storage Facilities	1,100	1.4%

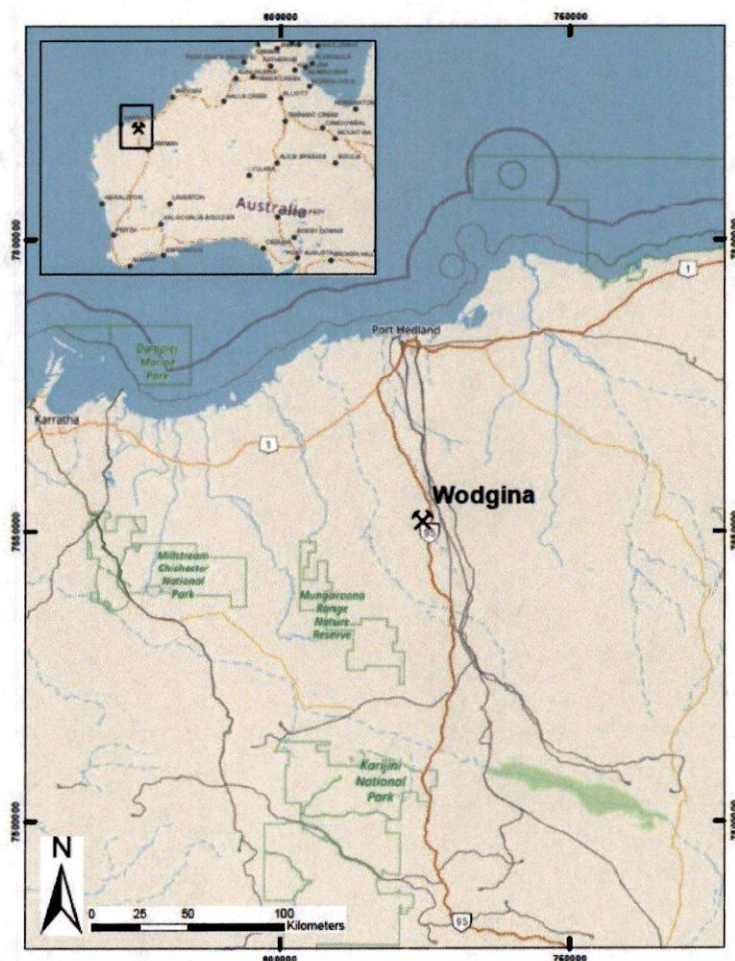
- Amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion of mineral resources and mineral reserves of 49%.
- Mineral reserves are reported exclusive of mineral resources.
- Mineral reserves are reported on a dry basis
- Mineral reserves are reported considering a nominal set of assumptions for reporting purposes:
 - Based on a selling price of \$1,300/metric tonne for chemical grade concentrate (6% Li₂O), and concentrate transport and selling cost of \$44.4/metric tonne. The selling price represents the Fastmarkets cost, insurance and freight ("CIF") China/Korea/Japan ("CKJ") low-case 10-year average price.
 - Mineral reserves modifying factors result in ore loss of approximately 3% and dilution of approximately 6.3%.
 - Material with a Li₂O grade greater than or equal to 0.5% is included in the life of mine plan as potential plant feed. A blended feed to meet the iron oxide specifications is schedule as part of the life of mine plan and only material that is fed into the plant is reported as mineral reserves.
 - The economic cut-off grade calculation is based on \$1.85/metric tonne-ore incremental ore mining cost, \$34.44/metric tonne-ore processing cost, \$9.33/metric tonne-ore general and administrative cost and \$12.62/metric tonne sustaining capital cost.
 - The price, cost and mass yield parameters produce a calculated economic cut-off grade of 0.5% Li₂O.

- The mass yield for ore processed through the chemical and technical plants is estimated based on formulas that vary depending on the Li₂O%. For chemical grade plant 1, the formula is mass yield % = $9.362 \times \text{Feed Li}_2\text{O}\%^{1.319}$. For chemical grade plant 2 and chemical grade plant 3, the formula is mass yield % = $(9.362 \times \text{Feed Li}_2\text{O}\%^{1.319}) + (\text{Feed Li}_2\text{O}\% \times 0.57)$. The tailings storage facility formula is mass yield % = 41.4 and the TRP formula is mass yield % = 9.7.
- Costs estimated in Australian Dollars were converted to U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of AUD 1.00:\$0.66.
- Waste tonnage within the Mineral Reserve pit is 687.0 million metric tonnes at a strip ratio of 4.3:1 (waste to ore – not including stockpiles).
- Mineral reserve tonnage, grade and mass yield have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding. Mineral reserves metric tonnes are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand tonnes.

The Greenbushes total mineral reserves of 79.8 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 7% from 74.5 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The increase in total mineral reserves was primarily driven by the decrease in cut-off grade from 0.7% to 0.5% and changes in pit design and changes in the modifying factors to align with operational practices, partially offset by mine depletion from 2025 production.

Additional information about key assumptions and parameters relating to the lithium mineral resources and reserves at the Greenbushes facility is discussed in sections 11 and 12, respectively, of the Greenbushes technical report summary.

Wodgina, Australia



The Wodgina property, which includes a hard rock, open pit mine (latitude -21° 11' 25"S, longitude 118° 40' 25"E) is located approximately 110 km south-southeast of Port Hedland, Western Australia between the Turner and Yule Rivers. The area includes multiple prominent greenstone ridges up to 180 m above mean sea level surrounded by granitic plains and lowlands. The property is accessible via National Highway 1 to National highway 95 to the Wodgina camp road. All roads to site are paved. The nearest large regional airport is in Port Hedland which also hosts an international deep-water port facility. In addition, a site dedicated all-weather airstrip is located near to site, capable of landing certain aircrafts.

The Wodgina pegmatite deposits were discovered in 1902. Since then, the pegmatite-hosted deposits have been mined for tin, tantalum, beryl, and lithium by various companies. Mining occurred sporadically until Goldrim Mining formed a new partnership with Pan West Tantalum Pty Ltd., who opened open pit mining at the site in 1989 and progressively expanded during the 1990s. Active mining at the Mt. Cassiterite pit has been started and stopped regularly between 2008 and the present. The mine was placed on care and maintenance in 2008, 2012, and most recently in 2019. In 2016, MRL acquired the mine and upgraded the processing facilities and site infrastructure to 750ktpa spodumene plant producing 6% spodumene concentrate, completed in 2019. On October 31, 2019, we completed the acquisition of a 60% interest in this hard rock lithium mine project and formed an unincorporated joint venture with MRL, named MARBL. We formed MARBL for the exploration, development, mining, processing and production of lithium and other minerals (other than iron ore and tantalum) from Wodgina. On October 18, 2023, we closed on the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with MRL, which resulted in the reduction of our ownership interest in Wodgina to 50% from 60%.

Wodgina holds mining tenements within the Karriyarra native title claim and are subject to the Land Use Agreement dated March 2001 between the Karriyarra People and Gwalia Tantalum Ltd (now Wodgina Lithium, a 100% subsidiary of MRL, our MARBL joint venture partner). See section 3 of the Wodgina technical report summary, filed as Exhibit 96.2 to this report, for a listing of all mining and exploration land tenements, which are in good standing and without any known impediments. Certain tenements are due for renewal in 2026 and another in 2030. Drilling and exploration activities have been conducted throughout the mining life of the Wodgina property.

The Wodgina mine is a pegmatite lithium deposit with spodumene the dominant mineral. The lithium mineralization occurs as 10 - 30 cm long grey-white spodumene crystals within medium grained pegmatites comprising primarily of quartz, feldspar, spodumene, and muscovite. Typically, the spodumene crystals are oriented orthogonal to the pegmatite contacts.

The facilities at Wodgina consist of a three stage crushing plant, the spodumene concentration plant, administrative offices, an accommodation camp, a power station, gas pipeline, three mature and reliable water bore fields, extension for future tailing storage and a fleet of owned and leased mine production equipment. The gas pipeline feeds the site power station to provide the power to the facilities. Water is obtained from the dedicated water bore fields. We consider the condition of all of our plants, facilities and equipment to be suitable and adequate for the businesses we conduct, and we maintain them regularly. As of December 31, 2025, our 50% ownership interest of the gross asset value of the facilities at our Wodgina site was approximately \$414.4 million.

A summary of the Wodgina facility's lithium mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, and reserves as of December 31, 2025 is shown in the following tables. SLR served as the QP and prepared the estimates of lithium mineral resources and reserves at the Wodgina facility, with an effective date of June 30, 2025. A copy of the QP's most recent technical report summary with respect to the lithium mineral resource and reserve estimates at the Wodgina facility, dated February 11, 2026, with an effective date of June 30, 2025, is filed as Exhibit 96.2 to this report. Economic assumptions remain unchanged from June 30, 2025. The June 30, 2025 resources and reserves have been depleted for actual production and is reported as of December 31, 2025 in the below table. The amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on a 50% ownership percentage, and are presented as metric tonnes of lithium ore in thousands.

The Wodgina mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)
Indicated mineral resources	23,600	1.0%
Inferred mineral resources	15,100	1.3%

- Amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion of mineral resources of 50%.
- Mineral resources are reported exclusive of mineral reserves. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- Mineral resources have been reported as in situ (hard rock within an optimized pit shell and above the effective cut-off grade), without applying mining dilution, mining losses, or process losses.
- Classification of the Mineral Resource has taken into account varying confidence levels and assessment, and whether the appropriate account has been taken for all relevant factors, i.e., relative confidence in tonnage/grade, computations, confidence in the continuity of geology and grade, quantity and distribution of the data and the results reflect the view of the QP.
- The cut-off grade of 0.5% Li₂O is based on estimated mining and processing costs and recovery factors. The mineral resources are reported above 0.5% Li₂O cut-off for in situ pegmatites within the open cut, 0.75% within the underground, and above 0% for tailings storage facilities, as all material would be mined and recovered.

- The underground mineral resources are reported in areas of >10 meter thickness, below the open pit mineral resources.
- The long-term price of \$1,500/metric tonne CIF CKJ of chemical grade concentrate over a timeline of 7 to 10 years is above the current spot price and was selected based on the reasonable long-term prospect rather than the short-term viability (0.5 to 2 years).
- Costs estimated in Australian Dollars were converted to U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of AUD 1.00:\$0.66.
- Mineral resources tonnage and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Wodgina indicated mineral resources of 23.6 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 2% from 23.3 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The Wodgina inferred mineral resources of 15.1 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 11% from 14.5 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The increase in total mineral resources was primarily driven by the reclassification of certain reserves to resources, partially offset by mine depletion from 2025 production.

The Wodgina mineral reserve estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

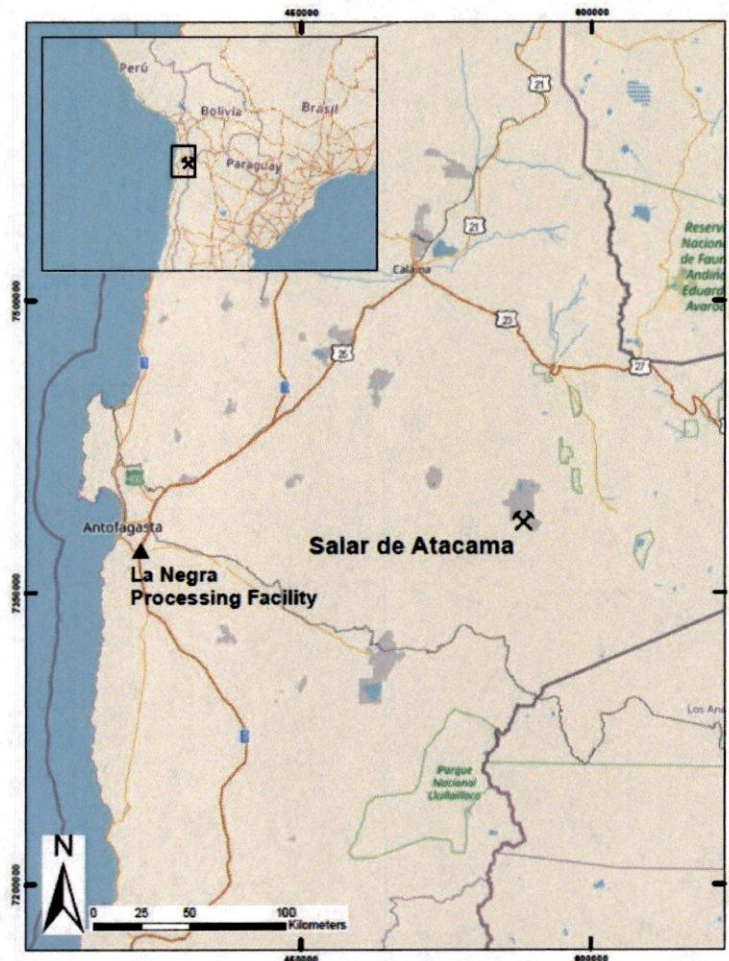
	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Grade (Li ₂ O%)
Probable mineral reserves:		
Open Cut	43,200	1.4%
Stockpiles	500	0.8%
Tailings Storage Facilities	7,400	1.0%

- Amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion of mineral resources and mineral reserves of 50%.
- Mineral reserves are reported exclusive of mineral resources.
- Mineral reserves are reported on a dry basis
- Mineral reserves are reported considering a nominal set of assumptions for reporting purposes:
 - Based on a selling price of \$1,300/metric tonne CIF CKJ of chemical grade concentrate (benchmark 6% Li₂O).
 - Assumes variable mining recoveries based on grade, oxidation, thickness, and search distance, sourced from MRL. The total mining recoveries are 91.7% for the open cut pit and 100% for the tailings storage facilities.
 - Mineral resources were converted to mineral reserves using plant recovery equations, sourced from MRL and based on plant data. The plant processing recovery equations depend on the material type, weathering, and in some circumstances, the Li₂O% grade of the plant feed.
 - Costs estimated in Australian Dollars were converted to U.S. dollars based on an exchange rate of AUD 1.00:\$0.66.
 - The economic cut-off grade calculation is based on \$2.10/metric tonne-ore incremental ore mining cost, \$33.63/metric tonne-ore processing cost, \$11.79/metric tonne-ore general and administrative cost, \$5.73/metric tonne sustaining capital cost and US\$53.22/metric tonne-ore selling cost, inclusive of shipping. Incremental ore mining costs are the costs associated with the run-of-mine loader, stockpile rehandling, grade control assays and rockbreaker.
 - The price, cost and mass yield parameters produce a calculated economic cut-off grade of <0.75% Li₂O, however, due to the internal constraints of the current operations, an elevated mineral reserves cut-off grade of 0.75% Li₂O has been applied.
 - Waste tonnage within the Mineral Reserve pit is 356.8 million metric tonnes at a strip ratio of 3.4:1 (waste to ore – not including stockpiles).
- Mineral reserve tonnage, grade and mass yield have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding. Mineral reserves metric tonnes are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand tonnes.

The Wodgina total mineral reserves of 51.1 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 decreased by 9% from 56.0 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The decrease in total mineral reserves was primarily driven by updates to the pit design and modifying factors, as well as mine depletion from 2025 production.

Additional information about key assumptions and parameters relating to the lithium mineral resources and reserves at the Wodgina facility is discussed in sections 11 and 12, respectively, of the Wodgina technical report summary.

Salar de Atacama/La Negra, Chile



The Salar de Atacama is located in the commune of San Pedro de Atacama, with the operations approximately 100 kilometers to the south of this commune, in the extreme east of the Antofagasta Region and close to the border with the republics of Argentina and Bolivia. Access to the property is on the major four-lane paved Panamericana Route 5 north from Antofagasta, Chile approximately 60 km northeast to B-385. On B-385, a two-lane paved highway, the Albemarle Salar de Atacama project (latitude 23°38'31.52"S, longitude 68°19'30.31"W) is approximately 175 km to the east. The site has a small private airport that serves the project. A small paved runway airport is also located near San Pedro de Atacama and a large international airport is located in Antofagasta. The La Negra plant (latitude 23°45'20.31"S, longitude 70°18'36.92"W) has direct access roads and is located approximately 20 km by paved four lane highway Route 28 southeast of Antofagasta turning north approximately 3 km on Route 5.

In the early 1960s, water with high concentrations of salts was discovered in the Salar de Atacama Basin. In January 1975, one of our predecessors, Foote Mineral Company, signed a long-term contract with the Chilean government for mineral rights with respect to the Salar de Atacama consisting exclusively of the right to access lithium brine, covering an area of approximately 16,700 hectares. See section 3 of the Salar de Atacama technical report summary, filed as Exhibit 96.3 to this report, for a listing of mining concessions at the Salar de Atacama site. The contract originally permitted the production and sale of up to 200,000 metric tons of lithium metal equivalent ("LME"), a calculated percentage of LCE. In 1981, the first construction of evaporation ponds in the Salar de Atacama began. The following year, the construction of the lithium carbonate plant in La Negra began. In 1990, the facilities at the Salar de Atacama were expanded with a new well system and the capacity of the lithium carbonate plant in the La Negra plant was expanded. In 1998, the lithium chloride plant in La Negra began operating, the same year that Chemetall purchased Foote Mineral Company. Subsequently, in 2004, Chemetall was acquired by Rockwood, and in 2015, Rockwood was acquired by Albemarle. Effective January 1, 2017, the Chilean government and Albemarle entered into an annex to the original agreement through which its duration was modified, extending it until the balance of: (a) the original 200,000 metric tons of LME and an additional 262,132 metric tons of LME granted through this

annex have been exploited, processed, and sold, or (b) on January 1, 2044, whichever comes first. In addition, the amended agreement provides for commission payments to the Chilean government based on sales price/metric ton on the amounts sold under the additional quota granted, our support of research and development in Chile of lithium applications and solar energy, and our support of local communities in Northern Chile. Albemarle currently operates its extraction and production facilities in Chile under this mineral rights agreement with the Chilean government.

The Salar de Atacama is a salt flat, the largest in Chile, located in the Atacama Desert in northern Chile, which is the driest non-polar place on the planet and thus has an extremely high annual rate of evaporation and extremely low annual rainfall. Our extraction through evaporation process works as follows: snow in the Andes Mountains melts and flows into underground pools of water containing brine, which generally have high concentrations of lithium. We then pump the water containing brine above ground through a series of pumps and wells into a network of large evaporation ponds. Over the course of approximately 18-24 months, the desert sun evaporates the water causing other salts to precipitate and leaving behind concentrated lithium brine. If weather conditions are not favorable, the evaporation process may be prolonged. After we obtain the lithium brine from the Salar de Atacama, we process it into lithium carbonate and lithium chloride at our manufacturing facilities in nearby La Negra, Chile.

The filling materials of the Salar de Atacama Basin are dominated by the Vilama Formation and the more recently, in geologic time, by evaporitic and clastic materials that are currently being deposited in the basin. These units house the basin's aquifer system and are composed of evaporitic chemical sediments that include carbonate, gypsum and halite intervals interrupted by volcanic deposits of large sheets of ignimbrite, volcanic ash and smaller classical deposits. Lithium-rich brines are extracted from the halite aquifer that is located within the nucleus of the salt flat. The Salar de Atacama basin contains a continental system of lithium-rich brine. These types of systems have six common (global) characteristics: arid climate; closed basin that contains a salt flat (salt crust), a salt lake, or both; igneous and/or hydrothermal activity; tectonic subsidence; suitable sources of lithium; and sufficient time to concentrate the lithium in the brine.

In the Salar de Atacama basin, lithium-rich brines are found in a halite aquifer. Carbonate and sulfates are found near the edges of the basin. The concentrations of lithium in the Salar de Atacama basin range from approximately 1,000 mg/L to 7,700 mg/L, but are primarily contained between 1,500 mg/L and 6,000 mg/L. From 2017 through 2023, at least five drilling campaigns were carried out in order to obtain geological and hydrogeological information at the Albemarle mining concession.

The facilities at the Salar de Atacama consist of extraction wells, evaporation and concentration ponds, leaching plants, a potash plant, a drying plant, a Salar yield improvement plant, services and general areas, including salt stockpiles, as well as a fleet of owned and leased equipment. In addition, the site includes administrative offices, an operations building and a laboratory. The extracted concentrated lithium brine is sent to the La Negra plant by truck for processing. The Salar de Atacama has its own powerhouse that generates the energy necessary for the entire operation of the facilities. We also have permanent and continuous groundwater exploitation rights for two wells that are for industrial use and to supply the Salar de Atacama facilities. The La Negra facilities consist of three boron removal plants, three calcium and magnesium removal plants, three lithium carbonate conversion plants, a lithium chloride plant, evaporation-sedimentation ponds, an offsite area where the raw materials are housed and the inputs that are used in the process are prepared, a dry area where the various products are prepared, as well as a fleet of owned and leased equipment. La Negra is supplied electricity from a local company and has rights to a well in the Peine community for its water supply. We consider the condition of all of our plants, facilities and equipment to be suitable and adequate for the businesses we conduct, and we maintain them regularly. As of December 31, 2025, the combined gross asset value of our facilities at the Salar de Atacama and in La Negra, Chile (not inclusive of construction in process) was approximately \$2.4 billion.

A summary of the Salar de Atacama facility's lithium mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, and reserves as of December 31, 2025 are shown in the following tables. SRK Consulting (U.S.) Inc. ("SRK") served as the QP and prepared the estimates of lithium mineral resources (exclusive of reserves) and reserves at the Salar de Atacama facility. A copy of the QP's most recent technical report summary with respect to the lithium mineral resource and reserve estimates at the Salar de Atacama facility, dated February 9, 2026, with an effective date of June 30, 2025, is filed as Exhibit 96.3 to this report. Economic assumptions remain unchanged from June 30, 2025. The June 30, 2025 resources and reserves have been depleted for actual production and is reported as of December 31, 2025 in the below table. The amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on a 100% ownership percentage, and are presented as metric tonnes of lithium metal in thousands.

The Salar de Atacama mineral resource, exclusive of reserves, estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report to December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Li Concentration (mg/L)
Measured mineral resources	732	2,255
Indicated mineral resources	691	2,042
Measured and Indicated mineral resources	1,422	2,146
Inferred mineral resources	146	1,785

- Mineral resources are reported exclusive of mineral reserves. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- Given the dynamic reserve versus the static resource, a direct measurement of resources post-reserve extraction is not practical. Therefore, as a simplification, to calculate mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, the quantity of lithium pumped in the life of mine plan was subtracted from the overall resource without modification to lithium concentration. Measured and indicated resource were deducted proportionate to their contribution to the overall mineral resource.
- Resources are reported on an in situ basis.
- Resources are reported above the elevation of 2,200 meters above sea level. Resources are reported as lithium metal.
- Resources have been categorized subject to the opinion of a QP based on the amount/robustness of informing data for the estimate, consistency of geological/grade distribution, survey information.
- Resources have been calculated using drainable porosity estimated from measured values in Upper Halite and Volcano-sedimentary units, and bibliographical values based on the lithology and QP's experience in similar deposits.
- The following assumptions were used in developing the 2025 resource model:
 - The estimated economic cut-off grade utilized for resource reporting purposes is 1,138 mg/l lithium, based on the following assumptions:
 - A technical grade lithium carbonate price of \$18,000/metric tonne CIF Asia. This is an 13% premium to the price utilized for reserve reporting purposes. The 13% premium applied to the resource versus the reserve was selected to generate a resource larger than the reserve, ensuring the resource fully encompassed the reserve while still maintaining reasonable prospect for economic extraction.
 - Recovery factors for the solar operation are applied in the year in which the brine is pumped and increase gradually over the span of 3 year, from the current 43% to the proposed Salar yield improvement program 60% recovery in 2027. After that point, evaporation pond recovery is a constant 60%. An additional recovery factor of 80% lithium recovery is applied to the La Negra lithium carbonate plant.
 - An average life of mine annual brine pumping rate of 230 L/s is assumed to meet drawdown constraint consistent with activation of Albemarle's early warning plan.
 - Operating cost estimates are based on a combination of fixed brine extraction, general and administrative, and plant costs and variable costs associated with raw brine pumping rate or lithium production rate. Average life of mine operating cost is calculated at approximately \$6,742/metric tonne CIF Asia.
 - Sustaining capital costs are included in the cut-off grade calculation and post the Salar yield improvement program installation average around \$100 million per year.
 - Royalties are included in the cut-off grade calculation and average approximately \$1,807/metric tonne of lithium carbonate produced.
- Mineral resources tonnage and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Salar de Atacama measured and indicated mineral resources of 1.4 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 29% from 1.1 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. Inferred mineral resources of 146,400 metric tonnes decreased by 12% from 166,000 metric tonnes. The net increase in total mineral resources was driven by new modeling completed in development of the current technical report summary as well as a decrease in the reserves due to reduced pumping rates associated with Albemarle's early warning plan and the potential expiration of the quota extraction period before the full quota is achieved. The new model assumptions included a higher estimated economic cut-off grade, lower pricing, a lower annual brine pumping rate and higher operating cost estimates.

The Salar de Atacama reserve estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)
Proven mineral reserves:		
In Situ	162	2,606
In Process	27	2,869
Probable mineral reserves:		
In Situ	120	2,385
Total mineral reserves:		
In Situ	281	2,507
In Process	27	2,869

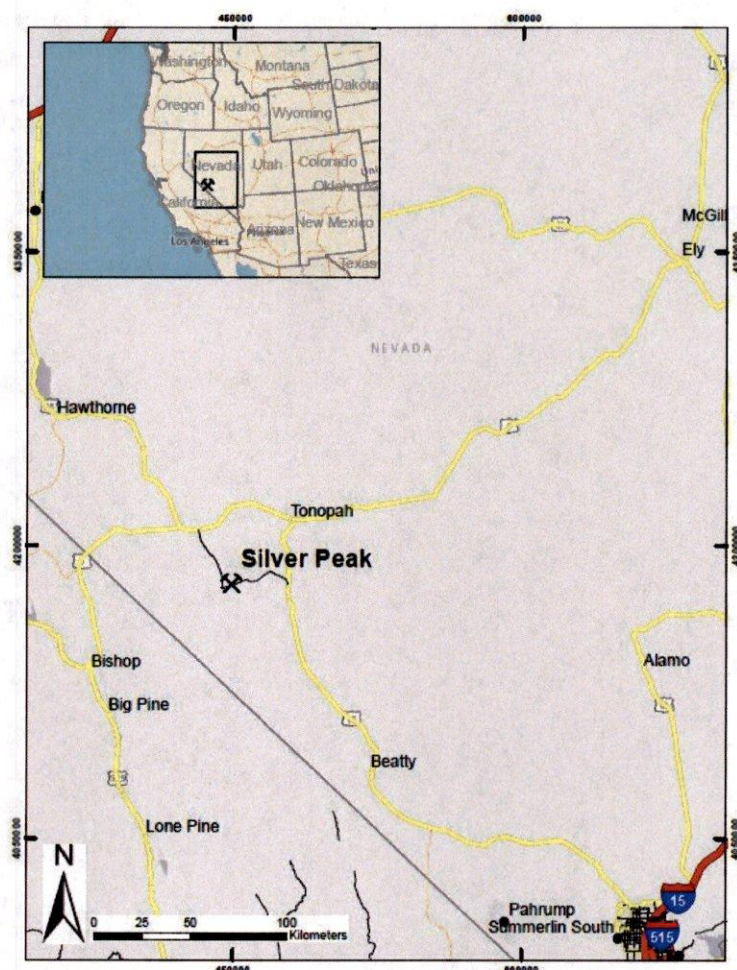
- In process reserves quantify the prior 24 months of pumping data and reflect the raw brine, at the time of pumping. These reserves represent the first 24 months of feed to the lithium process plant in the 2024 economic model.
- Proven reserves have been estimated as the lithium mass pumped during 2026 through mid-2036 of the proposed life of mine plan maintaining 10.5 years of proven reserve.
- Probable reserves have been estimated as the lithium mass pumped from mid-2036 until the end of the proposed life of mine plan (2041).
- The ratio of in situ proven to probable reserves has remained consistent through depletion since the development of the reserve model in 2025 with approximately 58% of the reserve designated as proven and 42% of the reserve designated as probable.
- Reserves are reported as lithium metal on a 100% ownership basis.
- This mineral reserve estimate was derived based on a production pumping plan truncated in September 2041 (i.e., approximately 15.75 years). This plan was truncated to reflect the termination date of Albemarle's authorized lithium production quota.
- The 2025 reserve model used as the basis for depletion has not been updated. The following assumptions were used in developing that model:
 - The estimated economic cut-off grade for the project is 1,348 mg/l lithium, based on the assumptions discussed below. The truncated production pumping plan remained well above the economic cut-off grade (i.e., the economic cut-off grade did not result in a limiting factor to the estimation of the reserve).
 - A technical grade lithium carbonate price of \$16,000/metric tonne CIF Asia.
 - Recovery factors for the Salar operation are applied in the year the brine is pumped and increase gradually over the span of 3 years, from the current 43% to the proposed Salar yield improvement program 60% recovery in 2027. After that point, evaporation pond recovery remains relatively constant at 60%. An additional recovery factor of 80% lithium recovery is applied to the La Negra lithium carbonate plant.
 - A life of mine average annual brine pumping rate of 230 L/s is assumed to be constraint with activation of Albemarle's early warning plan.
 - Operating cost estimates are based on a combination of fixed brine extraction, general and administrative, and plant costs and variable costs associated with raw brine pumping rate or lithium production rate. Average life of mine operating cost is calculated at approximately \$6,742/metric tonne CIF Asia.
 - Sustaining capital costs are included in the cut-off grade calculation and post the Salar yield improvement program installation, average around \$100 million per year.
 - Royalties are included in the cut-off grade calculation and average approximately \$1,807/metric tonne of lithium carbonate produced.
- Mineral reserve tonnage, grade and mass yield have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate and numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Salar de Atacama total mineral reserves of 308,000 metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 decreased by 33% from 458,000 metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The decrease in total mineral reserves was driven by new modeling completed in development of the current technical report summary as well as a decrease in the reserves due to reduced pumping rates associated with Albemarle's early warning plan and the potential expiration of the quota extraction period before the full quota is achieved. The new model assumptions included a higher estimated economic cut-off grade, lower pricing, a lower annual brine pumping rate and higher operating cost estimates.

Due to the risk of reducing pumping rates associated with the early warning plan, we have started investigating alternative options to mitigate the impacts to surrounding water table levels. For example, by including direct lithium extraction with solution re-injection, we may be able to increase pumping rates to pre-early warning plan levels, resulting in an increase to the production from the Salar de Atacama and full utilization of the La Negra processing facilities. We are also planning studies to determine the most efficient use of the Salar yield improvement project to maximize lithium production from the Salar de Atacama, regardless of pumping rates.

Additional information about key assumptions and parameters relating to the lithium mineral resources and reserves at the Salar de Atacama facility is discussed in sections 11 and 12, respectively, of the Salar de Atacama technical report summary.

Silver Peak, Nevada



The Silver Peak site (latitude 37.751773°N, longitude 117.639027°W) is located in a rural area approximately 30 miles southwest of Tonopah, in Esmeralda County, Nevada. It is located in the Clayton Valley, an arid valley historically covered with dry lake beds (playas). The operation borders the small, unincorporated town of Silver Peak, Nevada. Albemarle uses the Silver Peak site for the production of lithium brines, which are used to make lithium carbonate. Access to the site is off of the paved highway SR-265 in the town of Silver Peak, Nevada. The administrative offices are located on the south side of the road. The process facility is on the north side of the road and the brine operations are located approximately three miles east of Silver Peak on Silver Peak Road and occupy both the north and south sides of the road. In addition, access to the site is also possible via gravel/dirt roads from Tonopah, Nevada and Goldfield, Nevada.

Lithium brine extraction in the Clayton Valley began in the mid-1960's by one of our predecessors, the Foote Mineral Company. Since that time, lithium brine operations have been operated on a continuous basis. In 1998, Chemetall purchased Foote Mineral Company. Subsequently, in 2004, Chemetall was acquired by Rockwood, and in 2015, Rockwood was acquired by Albemarle. Our mineral rights in Silver Peak consist of our right to access lithium brine pursuant to our permitted and certified senior water rights, a settlement agreement with the U.S. government, originally entered into in June 1991, and our patented and unpatented land claims. Pursuant to the 1991 agreement, our water rights and our land claims, we have rights to all lithium that we can remove economically from the Clayton Valley Basin in Nevada. See section 3 of the Silver Peak technical report summary, filed as Exhibit 96.4 to this report, for a listing of patented and unpatented claims at the Silver Peak site. We have been operating at the Silver Peak site since 1966. Our Silver Peak site covers a surface of over 13,500 acres, more than 10,500 acres of which we own through a subsidiary. The remaining acres are owned by the U.S. government from whom we lease the land pursuant to unpatented land claims that are renewed annually. Actual surface disturbance associated with the operations is 7,390 acres, primarily associated with the evaporation ponds. The manufacturing and administrative activities are confined to an area approximately 20 acres in size.

We extract lithium brine from our Silver Peak site through substantially the same evaporation process we use at the Salar de Atacama. We process the lithium brine extracted from our Silver Peak site into lithium carbonate at our plant in Silver Peak. It is hypothesized that the current levels of lithium dissolved in brine originate from relatively recent dissolution of halite by meteoric waters that have penetrated the playa in the last 10,000 years. The halite formed in the playa during the aforementioned climatic periods of low precipitation and that the concentrated lithium was incorporated as liquid inclusions into the halite crystals. There are no current exploration activities on the Silver Peak lithium operation.

The facilities at Silver Peak consist of extraction wells, evaporation and concentration ponds, a lithium carbonate plant, an anhydrous lithium hydroxide plant (for processing lithium hydroxide monohydrate), a liming plant, wellfield and mill maintenance, a shipping and packaging facility and administrative offices, as well as a fleet of owned and leased equipment. Silver Peak is supplied electricity from a local company and we currently have two operating fresh water wells nearby that supply water to the facilities. We consider the condition of all of our plants, facilities and equipment to be suitable and adequate for the businesses we conduct, and we maintain them regularly. As of December 31, 2025, the gross asset value of our facilities at our Silver Peak site was approximately \$219.7 million.

A summary of the Silver Peak facility's lithium mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, and reserves as of December 31, 2025 is shown in the following tables. SRK served as the QP and prepared the estimates of lithium mineral resources (exclusive of reserves) and reserves at the Silver Peak facility. A copy of the QP's most recent technical report summary with respect to the lithium mineral resource and reserve estimates at the Silver Peak facility, dated February 8, 2025, with an effective date of June 30, 2024, is filed as Exhibit 96.4 to this report. Economic assumptions remain unchanged from June 30, 2024. The June 30, 2024 resources and reserves have been depleted for actual production and is reported as of December 31, 2025 in the below table. The amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on a 100% ownership percentage, and are presented as metric tonnes of lithium metal in thousands.

The Silver Peak mineral resources, exclusive of reserves, estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)
Measured mineral resources	7	169
Indicated mineral resources	11	155
Measured and Indicated mineral resources	17	160
Inferred mineral resources	102	130

- Mineral resources are reported exclusive of mineral reserves on a 100% ownership basis. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- Given the dynamic reserve versus the static resource, a direct measurement of resources post-reserve extraction is not practical. Therefore, as a simplification, to calculate mineral resources exclusive of reserves, the quantity of lithium pumped in the life of mine plan was subtracted from the overall resource without modification to lithium concentration. Measured and Indicated resources were deducted proportionate to their contribution to the overall mineral resource.
- Resources are reported on an in situ basis.
- Resources are reported as lithium metal.
- The resources have been calculated from the block model above 740 meters above sea level.
- Resources have been categorized subject to the opinion of a QP based on the amount/robustness of informing data for the estimate, consistency of geological/grade distribution, survey information.
- Resources have been calculated using drainable porosity estimated from bibliographical values based on the lithology and QP's experience in similar deposits.
- The following assumptions were used in developing the 2024 resource model, and have not been updated for the December 31, 2025 reporting:
 - The estimated economic cut-off grade utilized for resource reporting purposes is 63 mg/L lithium, based on the assumptions discussed below.
 - A technical grade lithium carbonate price of \$20,000/metric tonne CIF Asia. This is an 18% premium to the price utilized for reserve reporting purposes. The 18% premium applied to the resource versus the reserve was selected to generate a resource larger than the reserve, ensuring the resource fully encompassed the reserve while still maintaining reasonable prospect for economic extraction.
 - Recovery factors for the wellfield are $-206.23 * (\text{Li wellfield feed})^2 + 7.1903 * (\text{wellfield Li feed}) + 0.4609$. An additional 78% lithium recovery factor is applied to the lithium carbonate plant.
 - A sustainable fixed brine pumping rate of 20,000 acre feet per year, ramped up from current levels.
 - Operating cost estimates are based on a combination of fixed brine extraction, general and administrative, and plant costs and variable costs associated with raw brine pumping rate or lithium production rate. Average life of mine operating costs is calculated at approximately \$6,829/metric tonne lithium carbonate CIF Asia.

- Sustaining capital costs are included in the cut-off grade calculation and include a fixed component of approximately \$284 million through the ramp-up period to sustainably pumping 20,000 acre feet per year, then an estimated \$20 million per year in addition to the estimated number of wells replaced and new wells drilled per year.
- Mineral Resources tonnage and contained metal have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate, and numbers may not add due to rounding.

There were no material changes in the Silver Peak mineral resources, exclusive of reserves at December 31, 2025 compared to December 31, 2024.

The Silver Peak reserve estimates with depletion from production from the effective date of the report through December 31, 2025 are summarized in the following table:

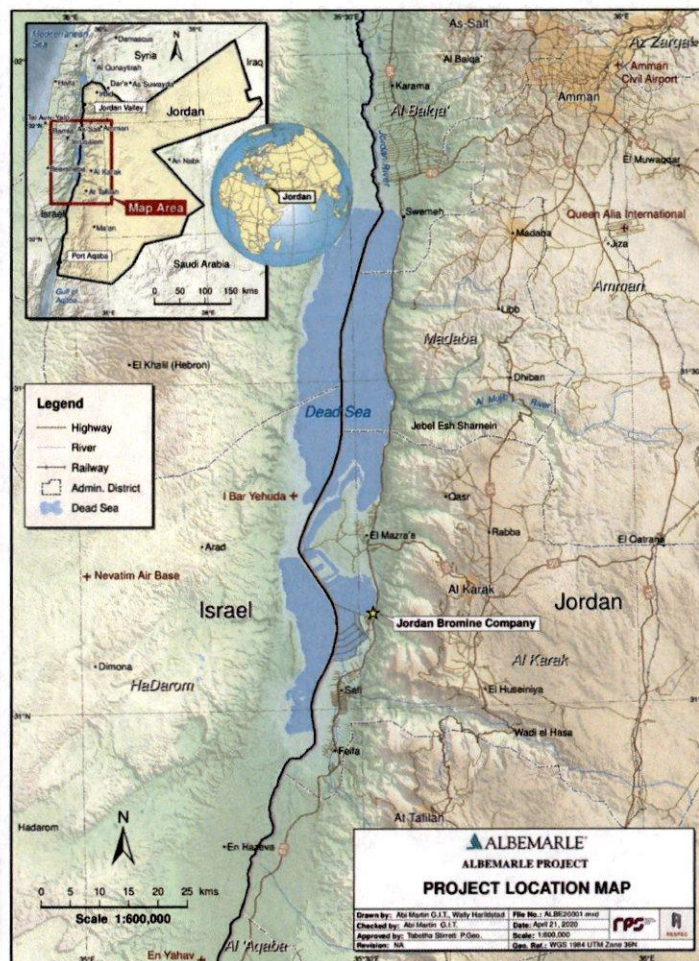
	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)	Concentration (mg/L)
Proven mineral reserves:		
In Situ	12	96
In Process	1	104
Probable mineral reserves:		
In Situ	64	119
Total mineral reserves:		
In Situ	76	115
In Process	1	104

- In process reserves quantify the prior 24 months of pumping data and reflect the raw brine at the time of pumping. These reserves represent the first 24 months of feed to the lithium process plant.
- Proven reserves have been estimated as the lithium mass pumped from the existing wells from 2026 through the first half of 2032 of the proposed life of mine plan.
- Probable reserves have been estimated as the lithium mass pumped from existing wells from the second half of 2032 and all new proposed production wells from installation until the end of the proposed life of mine plan (2053).
- The ratio of in situ Proven to Probable reserves has remained consistent through depletion since the development of the reserve model in 2024, with approximately 16% of the reserve designated as proven and 84% of the reserve designated as probable.
- Reserves are reported as lithium metal on a 100% ownership basis.
- This mineral reserve estimate was derived based on a production pumping plan truncated at the end of 2053 (i.e., approximately 28 years). This plan was truncated to reflect the QP's opinion on uncertainty associated with the production plan, as a direct conversion of measured and indicated resources to proven and probable reserve is not possible in the same way as a typical hard rock mining project.
- The reserve model used as the basis for depletion was updated in 2024, and has not been updated for the December 31, 2025 reporting. The following assumptions were used in developing that model:
 - The estimated economic cut-off grade for the Silver Peak project is 76 mg/l lithium, based on the assumptions discussed below. The production pumping plan was truncated due to technical uncertainty inherent in long-term production modeling and remained well above the economic cut-off grade (i.e., the economic cut-off grade did not result in a limiting factor to the estimation of the reserve).
 - A technical grade lithium carbonate price of \$17,000/metric tonne CIF Asia.
 - Recovery factors for the wellfield are $-206.23 * (\text{Li wellfield feed})^2 + 7.1903 * (\text{wellfield Li feed}) + 0.4609$. An additional 78% lithium recovery factor is applied to the lithium carbonate plant.
 - A sustainable fixed brine pumping rate of 20,000 acre feet per year, ramped up from current levels over a period of 7 years.
 - Operating cost estimates are based on a combination of fixed brine extraction, general and administrative, and plant costs and variable costs associated with raw brine pumping rate or lithium production rate. Average life of mine operating costs are calculated at approximately \$6,829/metric tonne lithium carbonate CIF Asia.
 - Sustaining capital costs are included in the cut-off grade calculation and include a fixed component of approximately \$284 million through the ramp-up period to sustainably pumping 20,000 acre feet per year, then an estimated \$20 million per year in addition to the estimated number of wells replaced and new wells drilled per year.
- Mineral reserve tonnage, grade and mass yield have been rounded to reflect the accuracy of the estimate (thousand tonnes), and numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Silver Peak total mineral reserves of 77,700 metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 decreased by 2% from 79,400 metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The decrease in total mineral reserves was driven by depletion during the year.

Additional information about key assumptions and parameters relating to the lithium mineral resources and reserves at the Silver Peak facility is discussed in sections 11 and 12, respectively, of the Silver Peak technical report summary.

Safi, Jordan



Our 50% interest in JBC, a consolidated joint venture established in 1999, with operations in Safi, Jordan, acquires bromine that is originally sourced from the Dead Sea. JBC processes the bromine at its facilities into a variety of end products. The JBC operation (latitude 31°8'34.85"N, longitude 35°31'34.68"E) is located in Safi, Jordan, and is located on a 33 hectare area on the southeastern edge of the Dead Sea, about 6 kilometers north of the APC plant. JBC also has a 2 hectare storage facility within the free-zone industrial area at the Port of Aqaba. The Jordan Valley Highway/Route 65 is the primary method of access for supplies and personnel to JBC. The Port of Aqaba is the main entry point for supplies and equipment for JBC, where imported shipping containers are offloaded from ships and are transported by truck to JBC via the Jordan Valley Highway. Aqaba is approximately 205 km south of JBC via Highway 65. Major international airports can be readily accessed either at Amman or Aqaba. Jordan's railway transport runs north-south through Jordan and is not used to transport JBC employees and product.

In 1958, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan granted APC a concession for exclusive rights to exploit the minerals and salts from the Dead Sea brine until 2058; at that time, APC factories and installations would become the property of the Government. APC was granted its exclusive mineral rights under the Concession Ratification Law No. 16 of 1958. APC produces potash from the brine extracted from the Dead Sea. A concentrated bromide-enriched brine extracted from APC's evaporation ponds is the feed material for the JBC plant. Following the formation of the joint venture, the JBC bromine plant began operations in 2002. Expansion of the facilities to double its bromine production capacity went into operation in 2017.

The climate, geology and location provide a setting that makes the Dead Sea a valuable large-scale natural resource for potash and bromine. Today, the Dead Sea has an estimated surface area of 569 km² and a brine volume of 106 km³. The Dead Sea is the world's saltiest natural lake, containing high concentrations of ions compared to that of regular seawater and an unusually high amount of magnesium and bromine. There is an estimated 666 million tonnes of bromine in the Dead Sea.

Mining methods consist of all activities necessary to extract brine from the Dead Sea and extract Bromine. The low rainfall, low humidity and high temperatures in the Dead Sea area provide ideal conditions for recovering potash from the brine by solar evaporation. JBC obtains its feedbrine from APC's evaporation pond and this supply is intimately linked to the APC operation. As evaporation takes place the specific gravity of the brine increases until its constituent salts progressively crystallize and precipitate out of solution, starting with sodium chloride (common salt) precipitating out to the bottom of the ponds (pre-carnallite ponds). Brine is transferred to other pans in succession where its specific gravity increases further, ultimately precipitating out of the sodium chloride. Carnallite precipitation takes place at the evaporation pond where it is harvested from the brine and pumped as slurry to a process plant (where the potassium chloride is separated from the magnesium chloride). JBC extracts the bromide-rich, "carnallite-free" brine through a pumping station. This brine feeds the bromine and magnesium plants. There is no exploration as typically conducted for the characterization of a mineral deposit.

Infrastructure and facilities to support the operation of the bromine production plant at the Safi site is compact and contained in an approximately 33 hectare area. Fresh water is sourced from the Mujib Reservoir, a man-made reservoir. JBC is supplied electricity from the National Electric Power Company of Jordan. JBC ships product in bulk through a storage terminal in Aqaba. There are above ground storage tanks as well as pumps and piping for loading these products onto ships. JBC main activities at Aqaba are raw material/product storing, importing, and exporting. An evaporation pond collects the waste streams from pipe flushing, housekeeping, and other activities. We consider the condition of all of our plants, facilities and equipment to be suitable and adequate for the businesses we conduct, and we maintain them regularly. As of December 31, 2025, our 50% ownership interest of the gross asset value of the facilities at the Safi, Jordan site was approximately \$280.0 million.

A summary of the Safi facility's bromine mineral resources and reserves as of December 31, 2025 is provided below. RESPEC Consulting Inc., a third-party firm comprising mining experts in accordance with Item 1302(b)(1) of Regulation S-K, served as the QP and prepared the estimates of bromine mineral resources and reserves at the Safi facility, with an effective date of December 31, 2025. A copy of the QP's amended technical report summary with respect to the bromine mineral resource and reserve estimates at the Safi facility, dated February 5, 2026, is filed as Exhibit 96.5 to this report.

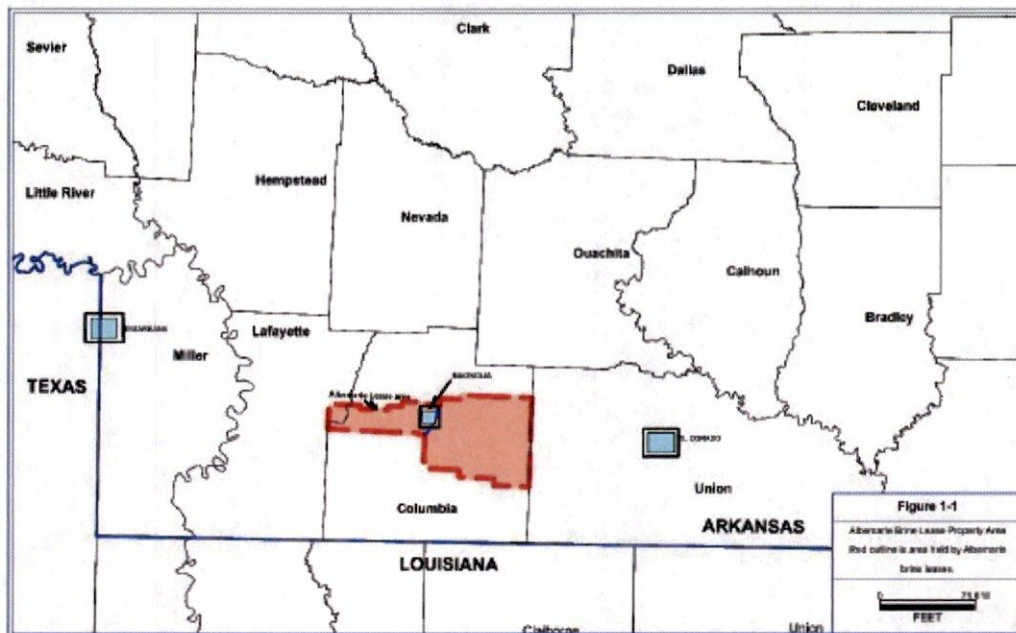
The feedstock is drawn from the Dead Sea, a nonconventional reservoir owned by the nations of Israel and Jordan. As such, there are no specific resources owned by JBC, but Albemarle's joint venture partner, APC, has exclusive rights granted by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to withdraw brine from the Dead Sea and process it to extract minerals. Revenues are based on a forecast bromine price ranging from \$2,690 to \$4,890 per metric tonne and the operating cost is approximately \$501 per metric tonne. The measured resource of bromide ion attributable to Albemarle's 50% interest in its JBC joint venture is estimated to be approximately 162.43 million metric tonnes. JBC is extracting approximately one percent of the bromine available in Jordan's share of the Dead Sea. Bromide concentration in the Dead Sea is estimated to average approximately 5,000 ppm. The cut-off grade of the Albemarle bromine operations has been estimated to be at 1,000 ppm. The bromide ion concentration in the brine extracted which feeds the bromine plants, significantly exceeds the selected cut-off grade.

The Safi measured mineral resources of 162.43 million metric tonnes of bromide ion at December 31, 2025 decreased by 5% from 173.93 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The decrease in measured mineral resources was driven by depletion and evaporation in the Dead Sea during the year.

All bromine reserves reported by Albemarle for the JBC project are classified as proven mineral reserves. The mineral reserve estimate attributable to Albemarle's 50% interest in its JBC joint venture is approximately 2.1 million metric tonnes of bromine from the Dead Sea. This estimate is based on the time available under the concession agreement with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the processing capability of the JBC plant. As only approximately one percent of the available resource is consumed from the Dead Sea, as noted above, the reserve estimate is based on the amount the JBC plant can produce over until the end of 2058, when the APC concession agreement ends. Revenues are based on a forecast bromine price ranging from \$2,690 to \$4,890 per metric tonne and the operating cost is approximately \$501 per metric tonne. At the plant process recovery of 82 percent (bromine from bromide), product bromine is estimated at approximately 125,000 metric tonnes per year. Bromide ion concentration of concentrated bromide-enriched brine from the APC evaporation pond used to estimate the reserve from the Dead Sea was approximately 8,775 ppm based on historical pumping. The cut-off grade of the Albemarle bromine operations has been estimated to be at 1,000 ppm. The bromide ion concentration in the brine extracted which feeds the bromine plants, significantly exceeds the selected cut-off grade.

The Safi total mineral reserves of 2.1 million of bromine metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 increased by 5% from 2.0 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The increase in total mineral reserves was driven by an increase in the planned annual pumping rate and product bromine production. The end date of the forecast remained unchanged due to the concession agreement.

Additional information about key assumptions and parameters relating to the bromine mineral resources and reserves at the Safi facility is discussed in sections 11 and 12, respectively, of the Safi technical report summary.

Magnolia, Arkansas

Magnolia is located in the southwest Arkansas, north of the center of Columbia County, approximately 50 miles east of Texarkana and 135 miles south of Little Rock. Our facilities include two separate production plants, the South Plant and the West Plant. The South Plant (latitude 33.1775°N, longitude 93.2161°W) is accessible via U.S. Route 79 and paved local roads. The West Plant (latitude 33.2648°N, longitude 93.3151°W) is accessible by U.S. Route 371 and paved local roads. The decentralized well sites around the brine fields are accessed via paved Arkansas Highways 19, 98, 160 and 344.

In Magnolia, bromine is recovered from underground brine wells and then processed into a variety of end products at the plant on location. Albemarle has more than 50 brine production and injection wells that are currently active on the property. Albemarle's area of bromine operation is comprised of over 9,500 individual leases with local landowners comprising a total area of over 99,500 acres. The leases have been acquired over time as field development extended across the field. Each lease continues for a period of 25 years or longer until after a two year period where brine is not injected or produced from/to a well within two miles of lease land areas, as long as lease rentals are continuing to be paid. See section 3 of the Magnolia technical report summary, filed as Exhibit 96.6 to this report, for a map of leases and burdens on those leases at the Magnolia site.

Bromine extraction began in Magnolia in 1965 as the first brine supply well was drilled, and additional wells were put into production over the next few years. In 1987, a predecessor company took over operations of certain brine supply and injection wells, which Albemarle continues to operate to this day. Albemarle has continued to drill new production and injection wells, as needed, to maintain production profile targets.

In Magnolia, bromine exists as sodium bromide in the formation waters or brine of the Jurassic age Smackover Formation, a geological formation in Arkansas, in the subsurface at 7,000 to 8,500 feet below sea level. The mineralization occurs within the highly saline Smackover Formation waters or brine where the bromide has an abnormally rich composition. The bromine concentration is more than twice as high as that found in normal evaporated seawater. The bromine mineralization of the brine is distributed throughout the porous intervals of the upper and middle Smackover on the property. The strong permeability and porosity of the Smackover grainstones provide excellent continuity of the bromine mineralization within the brine.

The facilities at Magnolia consist of brine production and injection wells, brine ponds, two bromine processing plants, pipelines between the plants and wells, a laboratory, storage and warehouses, administrative offices, as well as a fleet of owned and leased equipment. Our Magnolia facilities are supplied electricity from a local company and we currently have several operating freshwater wells nearby that supply water to the facilities. In addition, both plants have dedicated rail spurs that provide access to several rail lines to transport product throughout the country. We consider the condition of all of our plants, facilities and equipment to be suitable and adequate for the businesses we conduct, and we maintain them regularly. As of December 31, 2025, the gross asset value of our facilities at our Magnolia site was approximately \$1.2 billion.

A summary of the Magnolia facility's bromine mineral reserves as of December 31, 2025 is shown in the following table. RPS Energy Canada Ltd served as the QP and prepared the estimates of bromine mineral reserves at the Magnolia facility, with an effective date of December 31, 2025. A copy of the QP's most recent technical report summary with respect to the bromine mineral resource and reserve estimates at the Magnolia facility, dated February 11, 2026, is filed as Exhibit 96.6 to this report. The amounts represent Albemarle's attributable portion based on a 100% ownership percentage, and are presented as metric tonnes in thousands.

There are no mineral resource estimates at the Magnolia, AR bromine extraction site. All bromine mineral accumulations of economic interest and with reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction within the Magnolia production lease area are either currently on production or subject to an economically viable future development plan and are classified as mineral reserves.

	Amount ('000s metric tonnes)
Proven mineral reserves	2,264
Probable mineral reserves	395
Total mineral reserves	2,658

- Reserves are reported as bromine, on an in situ basis.
- The estimated economic cut-off grade utilized for reserve reporting purposes is 1,000 mg/L bromine, with a bromine price ranging from \$2,690 to \$4,890 per metric tonne and operating costs ranging from \$1,460 to \$2,136 per metric tonne.
- Recovery factors for the Magnolia operation are 79% and 84% for the proven mineral reserves and total mineral reserves, respectively.
- The concentration of bromine at the Magnolia site varies based on the physical location of the field and can range up to over 6,600 mg/L.

The Magnolia total mineral reserves of 2.7 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2025 decreased by 9% from 2.9 million metric tonnes at December 31, 2024. The decrease in total mineral reserves was driven by depletion of the reserve during the year, as well as updates to the forward-looking pumping plan and bromine production volumes.

Additional information about key assumptions and parameters relating to the bromine mineral reserves at the Magnolia facility is discussed in section 12 of the Magnolia technical report summary.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

We are involved in litigation incidental to our business and are a party to a number of legal actions and claims, various governmental proceedings and private civil lawsuits, including, but not limited to, those related to environmental and hazardous material exposure matters, product liability and breach of contract. Some of the legal proceedings include claims for compensatory as well as punitive damages. While the final outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, considering, among other things, the legal defenses available and liabilities that have been recorded along with applicable insurance, it is currently the opinion of management that none of these pending items will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

In addition, the information set forth under Note 15, "Commitments and Contingencies – Litigation" to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference.

An unexpected adverse resolution of one or more of these items, however, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity in that particular period.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

NONE

Executive Officers of the Registrant.

The names, ages and biographies of our executive officers, as of February 11, 2026, are set forth below. The term of office of each officer is until the meeting of the Board of Directors following the next annual shareholders' meeting in May 2026.

Name	Age	Position
J. Kent Masters	65	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Neal R. Sheorey	49	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Melissa H. Anderson	61	Executive Vice President, Chief Business Transformation Officer
Mark R. Mummert	58	Executive Vice President, Chief Operations Officer
Eric W. Norris	59	Executive Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer
Autumn M. Gagarinas	52	Senior Vice President, Chief People and Workplace Transformation Officer
Ander C. Krupa	47	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Cynthia R. Lima	64	Senior Vice President, Chief External Affairs and Communications Officer
Michael J. Simmons	62	President, Ketjen Global Business Unit
Donald J. LaBauve, Jr.	59	Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

J. Kent Masters has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Albemarle since April 2020. He joined the Albemarle board of directors in 2015 as part of the Company's Rockwood Holdings Inc. acquisition and served as lead independent director from 2018 until April 2020. Before joining Albemarle, Mr. Masters served as operating partner of Advent International, an international private equity group. Prior to Advent, he was chief executive officer of Foster Wheeler AG, a global engineering and construction contractor and power equipment supplier, from 2011 to 2014. He is also a former member of the executive board of Linde AG, a global leader in manufacturing and sales of industrial gases. He serves on the board of directors of Vibrant Technologies, a global technology leader in color solutions, functional coatings and specialty minerals. He is also a member of the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council.

Neal R. Sheorey joined Albemarle in November 2023 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining Albemarle, Mr. Sheorey served for more than 20 years in progressive leadership roles in finance, business and corporate organizations for The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow"), a global materials science company. He served as vice president of Dow's Coatings and Performance Monomers business unit, where he was responsible for the group's strategy, profitability and growth initiatives. Previously, Mr. Sheorey served as Dow's vice president of investor relations, senior director of corporate development and global finance director for the Chemicals business group.

Melissa H. Anderson joined Albemarle to lead the human resources organization in January 2021. In November 2024, she assumed responsibility for enterprise transformation. In this role, she is responsible for leading the transition to a fully integrated functional model along with execution of the Human Resources' strategic plan and key initiatives. Prior to joining Albemarle, Ms. Anderson served as executive vice president, administration and chief human resources officer for Duke Energy, an American electric power holding company, from January 2015 to August 2020. Previously, she served in senior leadership roles at Domtar Corporation, The Pantry, Inc. and with IBM Corporation. She serves on the board of directors of Vulcan Materials and as a member of the advisory board of the HR Policy Association. Ms. Anderson is a member of the advisory board for the Center for Executive Succession at the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business. She also serves on the board of directors for the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), previously serving as its chair.

Mark R. Mummert joined Albemarle in 2019 as chief operating officer for the Energy Storage business before being appointed as Senior Vice President, Chief Capital, Resources and Supply Chain Officer in November 2024, and subsequently appointed as Executive Vice President, Chief Operations Officer in August 2025. Before joining Albemarle, Mr. Mummert held progressive leadership roles in supply chain and global operations at FMC Corporation. His industry experience also includes 20 years with Rohm and Haas Company in various manufacturing and engineering roles. Additionally, Mr. Mummert spent time with Dow where he improved sales and operational planning in supply chain and embedded operational excellence principles at manufacturing sites. Mr. Mummert serves on the board of directors for Talison Spodumene Mine at Greenbushes, Western Australia.

Eric W. Norris is Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer for Albemarle. He joined Albemarle in January 2018 as chief strategy officer and was appointed president of the lithium global business (now Energy Storage) in August 2018. In his current role, Mr. Norris is responsible for enterprise sales, product management and commercial excellence. Prior to joining Albemarle, Mr. Norris served as president of Health and Nutrition for FMC Corporation, an agricultural sciences company. Following FMC's announcement to acquire DuPont Agricultural Chemical assets, he led the divestiture of FMC Health and Nutrition to DuPont. Previously, Mr. Norris served as vice president and global business director for FMC Health and Nutrition, and vice president and global business director for FMC Lithium. During his 16-year FMC

career, he served in additional leadership roles in investor relations and corporate development and was director of FMC Healthcare Ventures. Prior to FMC, Mr. Norris founded and led an internet-based firm offering formulation and design tools to the chemical industry. He started his career in a range of leadership roles with the Rohm and Haas Company. Mr. Norris is a member of the board of directors of Communities in Schools of Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Autumn M. Gagarinas joined Albemarle as Vice President of HR in 2023, and was appointed Senior Vice President, Chief People and Workplace Transformation Officer in August 2025. Ms. Gagarinas has over two decades of experience in human resources and has held various leadership roles across multiple industries, including technology, aerospace, and education. Prior to joining Albemarle she was at Honeywell International, Inc., a multinational conglomerate corporation, where she held several senior HR roles, as a business partner to C-suite leaders including finance, legal and integrated supply chain. She also led global HR operations in EMEA and led HR Data and Analytics globally. She also held senior HR roles at Stanford Graduate School of Business and SpaceX.

Ander C. Krupa was appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary in August 2025. Mr. Krupa joined Albemarle in May of 2017 as deputy general counsel and assistant corporate secretary. He has more than 15 years of broad legal experience in the manufacturing industry and is experienced in securities law, corporate governance, commercial law, cross-border joint ventures, and mergers and acquisitions. Prior to Albemarle, he served as assistant general counsel, governance and securities for BWX Technologies and The Babcock & Wilcox Company. In addition to his corporate experience, he was an attorney with the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP in the firm's corporate and securities practice group.

Cynthia Lima joined Albemarle in February 2023 as Chief Communications Officer. Prior to joining Albemarle, Ms. Lima founded a communications and public affairs consultancy and held senior positions at domestic and global public relations agencies. Ms. Lima also served at the U.S. Department of State as a principal media advisor to the secretary of state and as a senate-confirmed presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Lima is a founding member and chair of the board of directors for The Heather Abbott Foundation. She also serves on the board of directors for the Albemarle Foundation and the board of trustees for the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance.

Michael J. Simmons joined Albemarle as President, Ketjen global business unit in June 2023. Mr. Simmons has more than 30 years of experience as an operating executive, including serving as a senior partner at Vantage Consulting, a business advisory service specializing in strategy, execution and leadership for energy, financial, and medical clients, from January 2018 to June 2023, and serving as a group president at Shawcor from 2012 to 2017. He served as a private equity partner for Q Investments from 2006 to 2021. He began his career at GE, becoming chief executive officer of the PII Pipeline Solutions unit of GE Oil & Gas from 2005 to 2007.

Donald J. LaBauve, Jr. was appointed Albemarle's Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer in November 2024. Mr. LaBauve has served as the chief financial officer of the lithium global business (now Energy Storage) since November 2019. He previously served as vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer from February 2014 to November 2019 after having previously served as vice president, finance - business operations. Since joining Albemarle in 1990, Mr. LaBauve has held various staff and leadership positions of increasing responsibility within the finance function.

PART II

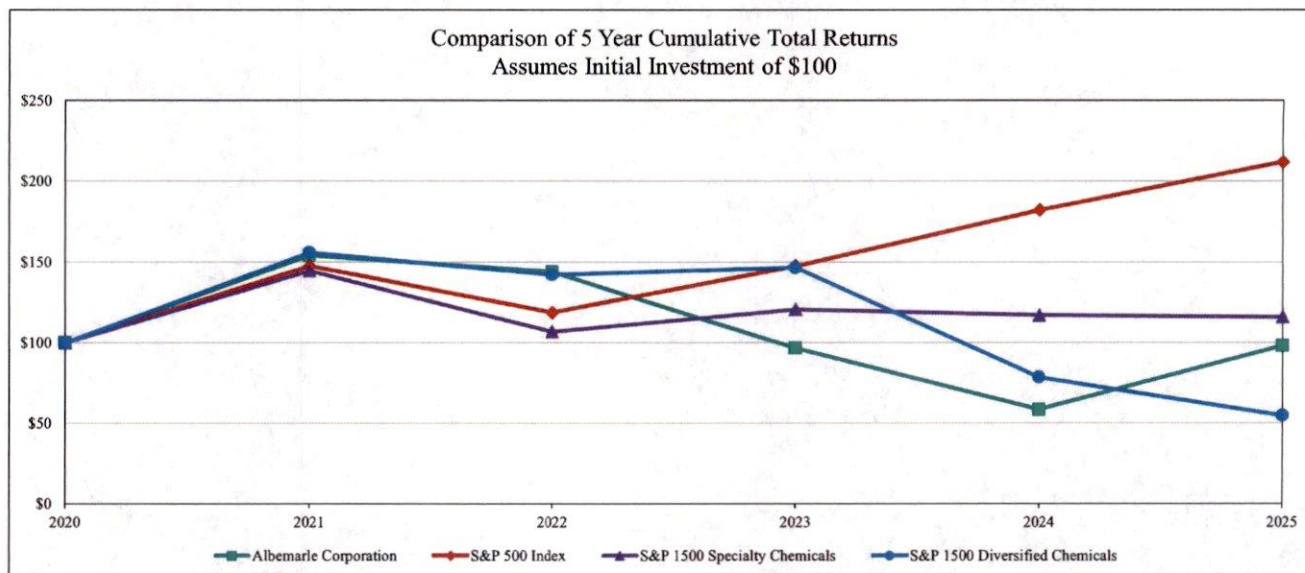
Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "ALB." There were 117,847,220 shares of common stock held by 1,806 shareholders of record as of February 4, 2026. On each of February 27, 2025, May 6, 2025, July 22, 2025 and October 27, 2025, we declared a dividend of \$0.405 per share. On each of February 22, 2024 and May 7, 2024, we declared a dividend of \$0.40 per share and on each of July 16, 2024 and October 28, 2024, we declared a dividend of \$0.405 per share. In each quarter of 2023, we declared a dividend of \$0.40 per share. We expect to continue to declare and pay comparable dividends to our shareholders in the future, however, dividends are declared solely at the discretion of our Board of Directors and there is no guarantee that the Board of Directors will continue to declare dividends in the future.

Stock Performance Graph

The graph below shows the cumulative total shareholder return assuming the investment of \$100 in our common stock on December 31, 2020 and the reinvestment of all dividends thereafter. The information contained in the graph below is furnished

and therefore not to be considered “filed” with the SEC, and is not incorporated by reference into any document that incorporates this Annual Report on Form 10-K by reference.



Item 6. [Reserved]

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Forward-looking Statements

Some of the information presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations, which are in turn based on assumptions that we believe are reasonable based on our current knowledge of our business and operations. We have used words such as “ambition,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “goal,” “intend,” “may,” “should,” “would,” “will” and variations of such words and similar expressions to identify such forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. There can be no assurance that our actual results will not differ materially from the results and expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the outlook expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement include, without limitation, information related to:

- the closing and timing of closing of our divestiture of the Refining Solutions business;
- changes in economic and business conditions;
- product development;
- changes in financial and operating performance of our major customers and industries and markets served by us;
- the timing of orders received from customers;
- the gain or loss of significant customers;
- fluctuations in lithium market pricing, which could impact our revenues and profitability particularly due to our increased exposure to index-referenced and variable-priced contracts for battery grade lithium sales;
- inflationary trends in our input costs, such as raw materials, transportation and energy, and their effects on our business and financial results;
- changes with respect to contract renegotiations;
- potential production volume shortfalls;
- competition from other manufacturers;

- changes in the demand for our products or the end-user markets in which our products are sold;
- limitations or prohibitions on the manufacture and sale of our products;
- availability of raw materials;
- increases in the cost of raw materials and energy, and our ability to pass through such increases to our customers;
- our rights to use water and our usage of water, particularly with respect to our early warning plan at our facilities in Chile;
- technological change and development;
- changes in our markets in general;
- fluctuations in foreign currencies;
- changes in laws and government regulation impacting our operations or our products;
- changes in trade policies and tariffs;
- the occurrence of regulatory actions, proceedings, claims or litigation (including with respect to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and foreign anti-corruption laws);
- the occurrence of cyber-security breaches, terrorist attacks, industrial accidents or natural disasters;
- the effects of climate change, including any regulatory changes to which we might be subject;
- hazards associated with chemicals manufacturing;
- the inability to maintain current levels of insurance, including product or premises liability insurance, or the denial of such coverage;
- political unrest affecting the global economy, including adverse effects from terrorism or hostilities;
- political instability affecting our manufacturing operations or joint ventures;
- changes in accounting standards;
- the inability to achieve results from our global manufacturing cost reduction initiatives as well as our ongoing continuous improvement and rationalization programs;
- risks related to any divestiture or discontinuations of operating units or plants;
- changes in the jurisdictional mix of our earnings and changes in tax laws and rates or interpretation;
- changes in monetary policies, inflation or interest rates that may impact our ability to raise capital or increase our cost of funds, impact the performance of our pension fund investments and increase our pension expense and funding obligations;
- the ability to apply for and obtain government funding to support new operations;
- volatility and uncertainties in the debt and equity markets;
- technology or intellectual property infringement, including cyber-security breaches, and other innovation risks;
- the integration of AI technologies into our operations;
- decisions we may make in the future;
- future acquisition transactions, including the ability to successfully execute, operate and integrate acquisitions and incurring additional indebtedness;
- expected benefits and expenses related to our ongoing and any future operating structure and asset optimization activities;
- timing of active and proposed restructuring and cost optimization projects;
- impact of any future pandemics;
- impacts of the situations in the Middle East, the tensions between China and Taiwan and the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and the related global responses;
- performance of our partners in joint ventures and other projects;
- changes in credit ratings; and
- the other factors detailed from time to time in the reports we file with the SEC.

We assume no obligation to provide any revisions to any forward-looking statements should circumstances change, except as otherwise required by securities and other applicable laws. The following discussion should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following is a discussion and analysis of our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023. A discussion of our consolidated financial condition and sources of additional capital is included under a separate heading “Financial Condition and Liquidity.”

Overview

We are a world leader in transforming essential resources into critical ingredients for mobility, energy, connectivity, and health. Our purpose is to enable a more resilient world. We partner to pioneer new ways to move, power, connect, and protect. The end markets we serve include grid storage, automotive, aerospace, conventional energy, electronics, construction, agriculture and food, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. We believe that our world-class resources with reliable and consistent supply, our leading process chemistry, high-impact innovation, customer centricity and focus on people and planet will enable us to maintain a leading position in the industries in which we operate.

Secular trends favorably impacting demand within the end markets that we serve combined with our diverse product portfolio, cost discipline, broad geographic presence and customer-focused solutions will continue to be key drivers of our future earnings. We continue to build upon our existing portfolio and our ongoing mission to provide innovative, yet commercially viable, energy products and services to the marketplace to contribute to our sustainability-based revenue. For example, our Energy Storage business contributes to the growth of clean miles driven with electric vehicles and more efficient use of renewable energy through grid storage; Specialties enables the prevention of fires starting in electronic equipment, greater fuel efficiency from rubber tires and the reduction of emissions from coal fired power plants; and our Ketjen business enhances the efficiency of natural resources through more usable products from a single barrel of oil, enables safer, greener production of alkylates used to produce more environmentally-friendly fuels, and reduced emissions through cleaner transportation fuels. We believe our disciplined cost reduction efforts and ongoing productivity improvements, among other factors, position us well to take advantage of strengthening economic conditions as they occur, while softening the negative impact of challenging global economic environments.

2025 Highlights

- In January 2025, the Company received \$350 million from a customer for the delivery of specified amounts of spodumene and lithium salts through 2029.
- In June 2025, the Company agreed to redeem the preferred equity of a W.R. Grace & Co. (“Grace”) subsidiary (originally issued as part of the proceeds from the sale of the fine chemistry services (“FCS”) business in 2021) for an aggregate value of \$307.4 million, comprised of \$288.0 million in cash received in June 2025 for the redemption and \$19.4 million in cash previously received for tax liabilities.
- On October 25, 2025, the Company signed a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of its Refining Solutions business and will initially retain a 49% ownership interest upon completion of the transaction. The Refining Solutions business being divested is defined as the Company’s Ketjen reportable segment, excluding its PCS business and the Company’s 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. In a separate transaction, on January 23, 2026, the Company completed the sale its 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. (originally agreed to on October 23, 2025). The Company expects the Refining Solutions business transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions. The PCS business will continue to be operated by the Company following these transactions.
- We recorded net sales of \$5.1 billion during 2025; driven by 9% year-over-year increase in Energy Storage volume.
- Cash flows from operations in 2025 were \$1.3 billion, an increase of 86% from prior year.
- We published our 2024 Sustainability Report, *Values-Led, Purpose-Driven*, providing an update on our achievements in line with the Company’s sustainability goals.

Outlook

The current global business environment presents a diverse set of opportunities and challenges in the markets we serve. In particular, we believe that the global market for lithium battery and energy storage, particularly for EVs and energy storage systems (“ESS”), remains strong, providing the opportunity to continue to develop high quality and innovative products while managing the high cost of expanding capacity. The other markets we serve continue to present various opportunities for value and growth as we have positioned ourselves to manage the impact on our business of changing global conditions, such as trade policies and tariffs, slow and uneven global growth, currency exchange volatility, crude oil price fluctuation, a dynamic pricing environment, an ever-changing landscape in electronics, the continuous need for cutting edge catalysts and technology by our refinery customers and increasingly stringent environmental standards. Over the last three years, lithium index pricing dropped

significantly from its previous peak. Amidst these dynamics, and despite ongoing price volatility, we believe our long-term business fundamentals are sound and that we are strategically well-positioned as we remain focused on increasing sales volumes, optimizing and improving the value of our portfolio through pricing and product development, managing costs and delivering value to our customers and shareholders. We believe that our businesses remain well-positioned to capitalize on new business opportunities and long-term trends driving growth within our end markets and to respond quickly to changes in economic conditions in these markets.

As part of continual efforts to optimize our cost structure and strengthen our financial flexibility, we have taken proactive actions, including certain restructuring activities and reducing planned capital expenditures. In 2024, we transitioned from two core global business units to a fully integrated functional model (excluding Ketjen) designed to increase agility, deliver significant cost savings and maintain long-term competitiveness. We continue to report results across our three existing operating segments of Energy Storage, Specialties and Ketjen. As noted above, we expect to complete the divestiture of the refining solutions business, within the Ketjen segment, in the first quarter of 2026. Although lithium index pricing began to rebound from low levels toward the end of 2025, it remains critical that the Company ensure an efficient operating model so we can compete and invest at every point of the cycle. To ensure we remain competitive, we will continue considering on an ongoing basis additional measures to support operating efficiencies, financial flexibility and growth.

The Company continues to monitor the potential impact of tariffs proposed or imposed by the U.S. and internationally. At this time we do not expect a material, direct impact to our financial statements from the tariffs announced to date. The potential direct exposure of the Energy Storage segment to proposed or imposed tariffs is expected to be minimal as most of our China production is sold into China or other Asian countries, and some critical materials are fully or partially exempt from tariffs in their currently proposed form. While there may be an impact to the Specialties and Ketjen businesses, we do not expect it to be material due to our global footprint and planned mitigation actions.

In July 2025, legislation commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” was signed into law. Among other potential impacts, this bill included a number of tax provisions including extending existing provisions that were set to expire, substantive changes in international tax rules, and the repeal or phase outs of certain energy tax credits. We are evaluating the impacts of this legislation on our financial statements. In addition, relating to the current situation in the Middle East, our business operations have continued as normal with some shipping and raw material delays. We are monitoring the situation and will continue to make efforts to protect the safety of our employees and the health of our business.

Energy Storage: Energy Storage net sales and profitability are strongly dependent on lithium market prices, which are volatile. If the average lithium pricing for 2026 is in line with current prices, we expect Energy Storage net sales and profitability to increase year-over-year. Because many of our contracts are index-referenced and variable-priced, our business is generally aligned with changes in market and index pricing. As a result, increases or decreases in lithium market pricing could have a material impact on our results. We expect sales volume to be relatively flat compared to prior year as a result of continued strong integrated production, strong spodumene sales and maintaining lower inventory levels. Global EV and ESS sales are expected to continue to increase over the prior year, driving continued demand for lithium batteries. We also expect continued cost reduction efforts to drive additional profitability in 2026.

As part of the above-mentioned actions to optimize our cost structure and strengthen our financial flexibility, over the past two years we stopped construction of the Kemerton Trains 3 and 4, and put Kemerton Trains 1 and 2 and the Chengdu, China conversion facilities into care and maintenance. Production from the sites placed into care and maintenance has been transferred to other processing facilities.

On a longer-term basis, we believe that demand for lithium will continue to grow as new lithium applications advance and the use of plug-in hybrid EVs and full battery EVs increases. This demand for lithium is supported by a favorable backdrop of steadily declining lithium-ion battery costs, increasing battery performance, continuing significant investments in the battery and EV supply chain by cathode and battery producers and automotive OEMs and favorable global public policy toward e-mobility/renewable energy usage. In addition, we expect strong demand in the ESS market driven by competitive economics and desire for energy reliability. ESS technology supports peak-demand, regulates grid frequency and voltage, and provides back-up power as global data center growth drives increased electricity demands globally. Our outlook is also bolstered by long-term supply agreements with key strategic customers, reflecting our standing as a preferred global lithium partner, highlighted by our scale, access to geographically diverse, low-cost resources and long-term track record of reliability of supply and operating execution.

Specialties: We expect both net sales and profitability to be lower in 2026 year-over-year from lower pricing, notably in the Lithium Specialties business. We expect volumes to be relatively flat based on reduced customer demand in certain markets,

including consumer and industrial electronics, offset by continued strong demand in other end-markets, such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture and oilfield services.

On a longer-term basis, we continue to believe that improving global standards of living, widespread digitization, increasing demand for data management capacity and the potential for increasingly stringent fire safety regulations in developing markets are likely to drive continued demand for fire safety, bromine and lithium specialties products. We are focused on profitably growing our globally competitive production networks to serve all major bromine and lithium specialties consuming products and markets. The combination of our solid, long-term business fundamentals, strong cost position, product innovations and effective management of raw material costs should enable us to manage our business through end-market challenges and to capitalize on opportunities that are expected with favorable market trends in select end markets.

Ketjen: On October 25, 2025, the Company signed a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of Ketjen's Refining Solutions business and will initially retain a 49% ownership interest upon completion of the transaction. The Refining Solutions business being divested is defined as the Company's Ketjen reportable segment, excluding its PCS business and the Company's 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. In a separate transaction, on January 23, 2026, the Company completed the sale of its 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. The Company expects the Refining Solutions business transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions. The PCS business will continue to be operated by the Company following these transactions.

Following the divestitures, we will retain an investment in the refining solutions market. We believe increased global demand for transportation fuels, new refinery start-ups, ongoing adoption of cleaner fuels and the continuous growth in chemical derivatives from petroleum products will be the primary drivers of growth in refining solutions. We believe delivering superior end-use performance continues to be the most effective way to create sustainable value in the refinery catalysts industry. We also believe our technologies continue to provide significant performance and financial benefits to refiners challenged to meet tighter regulations around the world.

Corporate: We continue to focus on cash generation, working capital management and process efficiencies. We expect our global effective tax rate will vary based on the locations in which income is actually earned and remains subject to potential volatility from changing legislation in the United States, such as the OBBBA, and other tax jurisdictions.

Actuarial gains and losses related to our defined benefit pension and OPEB plan obligations are reflected in Corporate as a component of non-operating pension and OPEB plan costs under mark-to-market accounting. Results for the year ended December 31, 2025 include an actuarial loss of \$17.2 million (\$19.2 million after income taxes), as compared to a gain of \$9.8 million (\$7.5 million after income taxes) for the year ended December 31, 2024.

From time to time, we may evaluate the merits of any opportunities that may arise for acquisitions or other business development activities that will complement our business footprint. Additional information regarding our products, markets and financial performance is provided at our website, www.albemarle.com. Our website is not a part of this document nor is it incorporated herein by reference.

Results of Operations

The following data and discussion provides an analysis of certain significant factors affecting our results of operations during the periods included in the accompanying consolidated statements of (loss) income. Certain percentage changes are considered not meaningful ("NM").

Discussion of our results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to the year ended December 31, 2023 can be found in Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Comparison of 2025 to 2024

Net Sales

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 5,142,733	\$ 5,377,526	\$ (234,793)	(4)%
\$615.5 million decrease primarily attributable to lower lithium carbonate and hydroxide market pricing in Energy Storage \$368.6 million increase attributable to higher sales volume in all of our businesses, driven primarily by Energy Storage \$12.3 million of favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies				

Gross Profit

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Gross profit	\$ 668,719	\$ 62,539	\$ 606,180	NM
Gross profit margin	13.0 %	1.2 %		

- Lower average input costs, driven by lower lithium market pricing dynamics in Energy Storage. The lower cost of goods sold of spodumene purchased from Windfield is offset in the equity in net income of unconsolidated investments in the period the converted inventory is sold to third-party customers
- Higher sales volume in all of our businesses, driven primarily by Energy Storage
- Favorable currency exchange impacts resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies

Selling, General and Administrative ("SG&A") Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 550,036	\$ 618,048	\$ (68,012)	(11)%
Percentage of Net sales	10.7 %	11.5 %		

- Reduced expenses as part of cost reduction efforts, including compensation costs, outside services and travel and entertainment costs
- \$13.3 million of gains from the sale of assets not part of our production operations in 2025
- \$9.2 million of a loss related to the write-off of assets damaged in a severe weather incident in Jordan in 2025
- \$5.3 million of expenses related to certain historical legal and environmental matters in 2024

Goodwill Impairment Charges

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Goodwill impairment charges	\$ 181,070	\$ —	\$ 181,070	NM

- Non-cash goodwill impairment charge recorded in 2025 representing the full value of goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit within the Ketjen segment, following the signing of a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest in its Refining Solutions business

Long-lived Asset Impairment Charges

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Long-lived asset impairment charges	\$ 245,600	\$ —	\$ 245,600	NM

- Non-cash long-lived asset impairment charge recorded in 2025 to reduce the carrying value of the Refining Solutions business to its fair value less cost to sell following classification as held for sale

Restructuring Charges and Asset Write-Offs

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Restructuring charges and asset write-offs	\$ 7,699	\$ 1,134,316	\$ (1,126,617)	NM

- 2025 primarily included adjustments to contract cancellation costs with key suppliers and costs to put the Chengdu, China conversion facility and Kemerton Train 2 into care and maintenance as part of the restructuring plan. These costs were partially offset by proceeds for certain Kemerton equipment, and updated its estimates concerning the progress of construction activities and related contractual obligations, resulting in a favorable adjustment of asset write-offs
- 2024 included capital project asset write-offs and associated contract cancellation costs for our Kemerton facility and certain other projects, and severance and employee benefit costs at Corporate and each of the segments

Research and Development Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Research and development expenses	\$ 51,398	\$ 86,720	\$ (35,322)	(41)%
Percentage of Net sales	1.0 %	1.6 %		

- Reduction primarily driven by lower research and development spending in Specialties and Energy Storage as part of cost reduction efforts

Interest and Financing Expenses

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Interest and financing expenses	\$ (207,651)	\$ (165,619)	\$ (42,032)	25 %

- Lower capitalized interest in 2025 resulting from stopping construction of Kemerton Trains 3 and 4 and other projects, as well as the overall reduction of capital expenditure spending
- 2025 included a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$7.5 million, representing the unamortized discounts from the amendment of other debt
- Lower debt balances in 2025 driven by higher commercial paper outstanding in 2024

Other Income, Net

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Other income, net	\$ 22,662	\$ 178,339	\$ (155,677)	(87) %

- \$86.4 million decrease attributable to foreign exchange impacts from \$18.9 million of net losses recorded in 2025 compared to \$67.5 million of net gains recorded in 2024. Foreign exchange gains in 2024 are net of a loss of \$26.1 million due to the reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive loss related to the dedesignation of cash flow hedge.
- \$38.0 million loss resulting from the redemption of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary in 2025
- \$20.2 million decrease attributable to interest income from lower interest rates in 2025
- 2025 included gains of \$11.1 million related to the fair market value adjustment of equity securities in public companies compared to \$70.8 million of losses for similar fair value adjustments and sales of equity securities in 2024
- \$40.9 million gain primarily from the sale of assets at a site not part of our operations in 2024
- \$17.7 million of pension and OPEB credits (including mark-to-market actuarial losses of \$17.2 million) in 2025 as compared to \$11.3 million of pension and OPEB credits (including mark-to-market actuarial gains of \$9.8 million) in 2024
 - The mark-to-market actuarial loss in 2025 was primarily attributable to a decrease in the weighted-average discount rate to 5.43% from 5.65% for our U.S. pension plans and postretirement benefit to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date, which was partially offset by a higher return on pension plan assets in the U.S. during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. pension plan assets was 7.32% versus an expected return of 6.70%. The mark-to-market actuarial loss in the U.S. was partially offset by a gain for our foreign pension plans, attributable to an increase in the weighted-average discount rate to 4.50% from 4.04% for our foreign pension plans to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date. This was partially offset by a lower return on foreign pension plan assets during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. and foreign pension plan assets was 5.55% versus an expected return of 6.52%.
 - The mark-to-market actuarial gain in 2024 is primarily attributable to an increase in the weighted-average discount rate to 5.65% from 5.21% for our U.S. pension plans and to 4.04% from 3.73% for our foreign pension plans to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2024 measurement date. This was partially offset by a lower return on pension plan assets during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. and foreign pension plan assets was 5.89% versus an expected return of 6.77%.

Income Tax Expense

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Income Tax Expense	\$ 156,881	\$ 87,085	\$ 69,796	80 %

Effective income tax rate (28.4)% (4.9)%

- Change in 2025 was primarily attributable to the recording of a valuation allowance on U.S. losses and changes in the geographic mix of earnings, including the impact from previously recorded valuation allowances for losses in our consolidated Australian entities and certain China entities
- The goodwill impairment charge recorded during 2025 was primarily non-deductible and resulted in a minimal income tax benefit
- 2024 included the impact of the valuation allowance for losses in our consolidated Australian entities and certain entities in China

Equity in Net Income of Unconsolidated Investments

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	\$ 243,744	\$ 715,433	\$ (471,689)	(66)%

- Decreased earnings primarily due to lower pricing from the Windfield joint venture. The impact of lower spodumene pricing driving the decrease in equity in net income of Windfield is offset in cost of goods sold as lower input costs
- \$64.3 million increase in foreign exchange impacts from the Windfield joint venture

Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ (45,418)	\$ (43,972)	\$ (1,446)	3 %

- Increase in consolidated income related to our JBC joint venture primarily due to higher pricing and increased volume

Net Loss Attributable to Albemarle Corporation

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Net loss attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (510,628)	\$ (1,179,449)	\$ 668,821	NM
Percentage of Net Sales	(9.9)%	(21.9)%		
Net loss attributable to Albemarle Corporation common shareholders	\$ (677,378)	\$ (1,316,096)	\$ 638,718	NM
Basic loss per share	\$ (5.76)	\$ (11.20)	\$ 5.44	NM
Diluted loss per share	\$ (5.76)	\$ (11.20)	\$ 5.44	NM

- Increase in 2025 results due to reasons noted previously
- Net loss attributable to Albemarle Corporation common shareholders includes reductions of \$166.8 million and \$136.6 million for mandatory convertible preferred stock dividends in 2025 and 2024, respectively

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ 407,445	\$ (213,469)	\$ 620,914	NM
• Foreign currency translation and other	\$ 407,873	\$ (210,534)	\$ 618,407	NM
• 2025 included favorable movements in the Euro of approximately \$375 million, the Chinese Renminbi of approximately \$23 million, the Brazilian Real of approximately \$5 million, the Taiwanese Dollar of approximately \$4 million and a net favorable variance in various other currencies of less than \$1 million				
• 2024 included unfavorable movements in the Euro of approximately \$182 million, the Brazilian Real of approximately \$15 million, the Japanese Yen of approximately \$11 million, the Taiwanese Dollar of approximately \$6 million, the Korean Won of approximately \$6 million and a net unfavorable variance in various other currencies of approximately \$7 million, partially offset by unfavorable movements in the Chinese Renminbi of approximately \$15 million				
• Cash flow hedge	\$ (428)	\$ (2,935)	\$ 2,507	NM

Segment Information Overview. We have identified three reportable segments according to the nature and economic characteristics of our products as well as the manner in which the information is used internally by the Company's chief operating decision maker to evaluate performance and make resource allocation decisions. Our reportable business segments consist of: (1) Energy Storage, (2) Specialties and (3) Ketjen.

The Corporate category is not considered to be a segment and includes corporate-related items not allocated to the operating segments. Pension and OPEB service cost (which represents the benefits earned by active employees during the period) and amortization of prior service cost or benefit are allocated to the reportable segments and Corporate, whereas the remaining components of pension and OPEB benefits cost or credit ("Non-operating pension and OPEB items") are included in Corporate. Segment data includes intersegment transfers of raw materials at cost and allocations for certain corporate costs.

Our chief operating decision maker ("CODM") assesses the ongoing performance of the Company's business segments and allocates resources by considering the variance in the actual results to the forecasts on a monthly basis. The annual

operating budget and ongoing forecasting process use adjusted EBITDA as a key metric in assessing performance of the segments. In addition, the CODM uses adjusted EBITDA for business and enterprise planning purposes and as a significant component in the calculation of performance-based compensation for management and other employees. The Company's definition of adjusted EBITDA is earnings before interest and financing expenses, income tax expenses, the proportionate share of Windfield income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted on a consistent basis for certain non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items on a segment basis. These non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items may include acquisition and integration related costs, gains or losses on sales of businesses, gains or losses on the fair value of public equity securities, restructuring charges and asset write-offs, facility divestiture charges, certain litigation and arbitration costs and charges, goodwill and long-lived asset impairment charges, non-operating pension and OPEB items and other significant non-recurring items. This calculation is consistent with the definition of adjusted EBITDA used in the leverage financial covenant calculation in the Company's credit agreement, which is a material agreement for the Company. Total adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure that is not required by, or presented in accordance with, the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). Total adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP, or any other financial measure reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

	Year Ended December 31,				Percentage Change
	2025	%	2024	%	2025 vs. 2024
(In thousands, except percentages)					
Net sales:					
Energy Storage	\$ 2,710,035	52.7 %	\$ 3,015,121	56.1 %	(10)%
Specialties	1,366,435	26.6 %	1,325,983	24.6 %	3 %
Ketjen	1,066,263	20.7 %	1,036,422	19.3 %	3 %
Total net sales	<u>\$ 5,142,733</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 5,377,526</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>(4)%</u>
Adjusted EBITDA:					
Energy Storage	\$ 697,215	63.5 %	\$ 757,540	66.5 %	(8)%
Specialties	275,739	25.1 %	228,504	20.0 %	21 %
Ketjen	150,398	13.7 %	131,066	11.5 %	15 %
Total segment adjusted EBITDA	<u>1,123,352</u>	<u>102.3 %</u>	<u>1,117,110</u>	<u>98.0 %</u>	<u>1 %</u>
Corporate	(25,359)	(2.3)%	22,668	2.0 %	NM
Total adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 1,097,993</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>\$ 1,139,778</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>(4)%</u>

See below for a reconciliation of total segment adjusted EBITDA to consolidated Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP, (in thousands):

	Year ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Total segment adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,123,352	\$ 1,117,110
Corporate expenses, net	(25,359)	22,668
Depreciation and amortization	(658,678)	(588,638)
Interest and financing expenses ^(a)	(207,651)	(165,619)
Income tax expense	(156,881)	(87,085)
Proportionate share of Windfield income tax expense ^(b)	(94,549)	(299,193)
Acquisition and integration related costs ^(c)	(8,303)	(6,223)
Restructuring charges and asset write-offs ^(d)	(7,893)	(1,180,806)
Goodwill impairment charges ^(e)	(181,070)	—
Long-lived asset impairment ^(f)	(245,600)	—
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	(17,710)	11,335
Gain (loss) in fair value of public equity securities ^(g)	11,137	(70,758)
Other ^(h)	(41,423)	67,760
Net loss attributable to Albemarle Corporation	<u>\$ (510,628)</u>	<u>\$ (1,179,449)</u>

(a) Includes a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$7.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2025.

(b) Albemarle's 49% ownership interest in the reported income tax expense of the Windfield joint venture.

(c) Costs related to the acquisition, integration and potential divestitures for various significant projects, recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A").

(d) See Note 17, "Restructuring Charges and Asset Write-offs," for further details.

(e) See Note 2, "Divestitures," and Note 10, "Goodwill and Other Intangibles," for further details.

(f) See Note 2, "Divestitures," for further details.

(g) Loss of \$33.7 million recorded in Other income, net for the year ended December 31, 2024 resulting from the sale of investments in public equity securities and a gain (loss) of \$11.1 million and (\$37.0) million recorded in Other income, net for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, resulting from the change in fair value of investments in public equity securities.

(h) Included amounts for the year ended December 31, 2025 recorded in:

- Cost of goods sold - \$4.8 million related to the write-off of assets damaged in a severe weather incident in Jordan.
- SG&A - \$9.2 million related to the write-off of assets damaged in a severe weather incident in Jordan, \$3.1 million of severance expenses not related to a restructuring plan, \$2.2 million related to the write-off of certain fixed assets, \$2.0 million of expenses related to certain historical legal matters and \$1.4 million of expenses related to the redemption of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, partially offset by \$13.3 million of gains from the sale of assets not part of our production operations.
- Other income, net - \$38.0 million loss resulting from the redemption of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, \$14.3 million loss related to the sale of our ownership interest in the Nippon Aluminum Alkyls joint venture and \$1.9 million of charges for asset retirement obligations at a site not part of our operations, partially offset by \$19.8 million of income from PIK dividends of the preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary prior to redemption and a \$2.4 million gain primarily resulting from the adjustment of indemnification related to previously disposed businesses.

Included amounts for the year ended December 31, 2024 recorded in:

- Cost of goods sold - \$1.4 million of expenses related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements.
- SG&A - \$5.3 million of expenses related to certain historical legal and environmental matters.
- Other income, net - \$40.9 million of gains from the sale of assets at a site not part of our operations, \$36.3 million of income from PIK dividends of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, a \$1.8 million net gain primarily resulting from the adjustment of indemnification related to previously disposed businesses and a \$0.6 million gain from an updated cost estimate of an environmental reserve at a site not part of our operations, partially offset by \$2.9 million of charges for asset retirement obligations at a site not part of our operations and \$2.1 million of a loss related to the fair value adjustment of an investment in a nonmarketable security.

Energy Storage

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 2,710,035	\$ 3,015,121	\$ (305,086)	(10)%
\$591.6 million decrease attributable to unfavorable pricing impacts, primarily in battery- and tech-grade lithium carbonate and hydroxide sold under index-referenced and variable-priced contracts \$285.7 million increase attributable to higher sales volume driven by customer demand				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 697,215	\$ 757,540	\$ (60,325)	(8)%
- Unfavorable pricing impacts in lithium carbonate and hydroxide - Decreased equity earnings from lower pricing from the Windfield joint venture. The impact of lower spodumene pricing offset lower input costs in cost of goods sold - Savings from restructuring and productivity improvements - Decreased commission expenses in Chile resulting from lower pricing \$13.2 million increase attributable to favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies				

Specialties

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 1,366,435	\$ 1,325,983	\$ 40,452	3 %
\$58.3 million increase attributable to higher sales volume related to increased demand \$24.6 million decrease primarily attributable to unfavorable pricing impacts in lithium specialties, partially offset by favorable pricing in bromine and derivatives \$6.8 million increase attributable to favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 275,739	\$ 228,504	\$ 47,235	21 %
- Higher sales volume related to increased demand - Savings from restructuring and productivity improvements - Lower input costs from raw materials - Unfavorable pricing impacts \$2.5 million decrease attributable to unfavorable currency translation resulting from the stronger U.S. Dollar against various currencies				

Ketjen

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Net sales	\$ 1,066,263	\$ 1,036,422	\$ 29,841	3 %
\$24.6 million increase attributable to higher sales volume, primarily in FCC \$0.7 million increase attributable to increased pricing impacts \$4.6 million increase attributable to favorable currency translation resulting from the weaker U.S. Dollar against various currencies				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 150,398	\$ 131,066	\$ 19,332	15 %
- Higher sales volume, primarily in FCC - Favorable equity in earnings from unconsolidated investments in CFT \$1.7 million decrease attributable to unfavorable currency translation resulting from the stronger U.S. Dollar against various currencies				

Corporate

<i>In thousands</i>	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (25,359)	\$ 22,668	\$ (48,027)	NM
\$40.4 million decrease attributable to unfavorable currency exchange impacts, net of a \$64.3 million increase in foreign exchange impacts from our Windfield joint venture - Reduced expenses as part of cost reduction efforts, including compensation costs, outside services and travel and entertainment costs				

Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Listed below are the estimates and assumptions that we consider to be critical in the preparation of our financial statements.

Property, Plant and Equipment. We assign the useful lives of our property, plant and equipment based upon our internal engineering estimates, which are reviewed periodically. The estimated useful lives of our property, plant and equipment range from two to sixty years and depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method, with the exception of our mineral rights and reserves, which are depleted on a units-of-production method. We evaluate the recovery of our property, plant and equipment annually and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. Events that may trigger a test for recoverability include, but are not limited to, significant adverse changes to projected revenues, costs, or capital plans or changes to government regulations that may adversely impact our current or future operations. An impairment is determined to exist if the total projected future cash flows on an undiscounted basis are not recoverable or are less than the carrying amount of a long-lived asset group. We estimate future cash flows based on numerous assumptions, which are consistent or reasonable in relation to internal budgets and projections, and actual future cash flows may be significantly different than the estimates. Significant estimates used include, but are not limited to, market pricing (including lithium index pricing), customer demand, operating and production costs, and the timing and capital costs of expansion and sustaining projects. Significant management judgment is involved in estimating these variables and they include inherent uncertainties since they are forecasting future events.

In addition, when assets meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale, the related disposal group is measured at the lower of its carrying amount or its fair value less costs to sell. If the fair value of the disposal group is determined to be lower than the carrying value, the Company would record a non-cash impairment charge in the period the disposal group met the criteria to be classified as held for sale.

Income Taxes. We assume the deductibility of certain costs in our income tax filings, and we estimate the future recovery of deferred tax assets, uncertain tax positions and indefinite investment assertions.

Inventory Valuation. Inventories are stated at lower of cost and net realizable value with cost determined using standard cost, which approximates the first-in, first-out basis. Cost is determined on the weighted-average basis for a small portion of our inventories at foreign plants and our stores, supplies and other inventory. A portion of our domestic produced finished goods and raw materials are determined on the last-in, first-out basis. If management estimates that the market value is below cost or determines that future demand was lower than current inventory levels, based on historical experience, current and projected market pricing and demand, current and projected volume trends and other relevant current and projected factors associated with the current economic conditions, a reduction in inventory cost to estimated net realizable value is recorded in an inventory reserve with an expense recorded to Cost of goods sold.

Environmental Remediation Liabilities. We estimate and accrue the costs required to remediate a specific site depending on site-specific facts and circumstances. Cost estimates to remediate each specific site are developed by assessing (i) the scope of our contribution to the environmental matter, (ii) the scope of the anticipated remediation and monitoring plan and (iii) the extent of other parties' share of responsibility.

Asset Retirement Obligations. Certain of our sites are subject to various laws and regulations, including legal and contractual obligations to reclaim, remediate, or otherwise restore properties at the time the property is removed from service. The fair value recorded is estimated based on cost information obtained both internally and externally. These estimates are inflated based the assumed timing of the obligation payments and discounted using on available risk-free discount rate at the time. We review our assumptions and estimates of these costs periodically or if we become aware of material changes to these obligations.

Actual results could differ materially from the estimates and assumptions that we use in the preparation of our financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for transferring goods or providing services, and is recognized when performance obligations are satisfied under the terms of contracts with our customers. A performance obligation is deemed to be satisfied when control of the product or service is transferred to our customer. The

transaction price of a contract, or the amount we expect to receive upon satisfaction of all performance obligations, is determined by reference to the contract's terms and includes adjustments, if applicable, for any variable consideration, such as customer rebates, noncash consideration or consideration payable to the customer, although these adjustments are generally not material. Where a contract contains more than one distinct performance obligation, the transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation based on the standalone selling price of each performance obligation, although these situations are rare and are generally not built into our contracts. Any unsatisfied performance obligations are not material. Standalone selling prices are based on prices we charge to our customers, which in some cases are based on established market prices. Sales and other similar taxes collected from customers on behalf of third parties are excluded from revenue. Our payment terms are generally between 30 to 90 days, however, they vary by market factors, such as customer size, creditworthiness, geography and competitive environment.

All of our revenue is derived from contracts with customers, and almost all of our contracts with customers contain one performance obligation for the transfer of goods where such performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time. Control of a product is deemed to be transferred to the customer upon shipment or delivery. Significant portions of our sales are sold free on board shipping point or on an equivalent basis, while delivery terms of other transactions are based upon specific contractual arrangements. Our standard terms of delivery are generally included in our contracts of sale, order confirmation documents and invoices, while the timing between shipment and delivery generally ranges between 1 and 45 days. Costs for shipping and handling activities, whether performed before or after the customer obtains control of the goods, are accounted for as fulfillment costs. Such costs are immaterial.

The Company currently utilizes the following practical expedients, as permitted by Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*:

- All sales and other pass-through taxes are excluded from contract value;
- In utilizing the modified retrospective transition method, no adjustment was necessary for contracts that did not cross over the reporting year;
- We will not consider the possibility of a contract having a significant financing component (which would effectively attribute a portion of the sales price to interest income) unless, if at contract inception, the expected payment terms (from time of delivery or other relevant criterion) are more than one year;
- If our right to customer payment is directly related to the value of our completed performance, we recognize revenue consistent with the invoicing right; and
- We expense as incurred all costs of obtaining a contract incremental to any costs/compensation attributable to individual product sales/shipments for contracts where the amortization period for such costs would otherwise be one year or less.

Costs incurred to obtain contracts with customers are not significant and are expensed immediately as the amortization period would be one year or less. When the Company incurs pre-production or other fulfillment costs in connection with an existing or specific anticipated contract and such costs are recoverable through margin or explicitly reimbursable, such costs are capitalized and amortized to Cost of goods sold on a systematic basis that is consistent with the pattern of transfer to the customer of the goods or services to which the asset relates, which is less than one year. We record bad debt expense in specific situations when we determine the customer is unable to meet its financial obligation.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

We account for goodwill and other intangibles acquired in a business combination in conformity with current accounting guidance, which requires goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets to not be amortized.

We test goodwill for impairment by comparing the estimated fair value of our reporting units to the related carrying value. Our reporting units are either our operating business segments or one level below our operating business segments for which discrete financial information is available and for which operating results are regularly reviewed by the business management. In applying the goodwill impairment test, we initially perform a qualitative test ("Step 0"), where we first assesses qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting units is less than its carrying value. Qualitative factors may include, but are not limited to, economic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, overall financial performance of the reporting units and other entity and reporting unit specific events. If after assessing these qualitative factors, we determine it is "more-likely-than-not" that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than the carrying value, we perform a quantitative test ("Step 1"). During Step 1, we estimate the fair value using either a discounted cash flow model (income) approach or a combination of the discounted cash flow model (income) approach and earnings multiple (market) approach (placing equal weighting on the income and market approaches). The income approach determines fair value based on discounted cash flow model derived from a reporting unit's long-term forecasted cash flows. The market

approach determines fair value based on a review of observable prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving comparable assets, liabilities or businesses. Future cash flows for all reporting units include assumptions about revenue growth rates, adjusted EBITDA margins, discount rate as well as other economic or industry-related factors. We define adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest and financing expenses, income tax expenses, the proportionate share of Windfield income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted on a consistent basis for certain non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items on a segment basis. For the Energy Storage reporting unit, the revenue growth rates and adjusted EBITDA margins were deemed to be significant assumptions. Significant management judgment is involved in estimating these variables and they include inherent uncertainties, particularly regarding future market conditions and cost fluctuations. Any adverse changes in these assumptions, such as a decline in demand, increased competition or rising costs could negatively impact the fair value of the reporting units, since they are forecasting future events. We test the recorded goodwill for impairment in the fourth quarter of each year or upon the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of its reporting units below their carrying amounts.

During the third quarter of 2025, we made significant progress on the potential divestiture of the Refining Solutions reporting unit. The progression of related discussions indicated it was more likely than not that the fair value of the Refining Solutions reporting unit was less than its carrying value as of September 30, 2025. Accordingly, we performed an interim goodwill impairment test as of that date. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, we entered into definitive agreements on October 23, 2025 and October 25, 2025 to divest our 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A., a joint venture within the Refining Solutions reporting unit, and to divest the controlling ownership interest in the remaining Refining Solutions business, respectively. The agreed upon transaction prices in these agreements corroborate the conclusion reached in the interim impairment analysis that the carrying value of the Refining Solutions reporting unit exceeded its fair value as of September 30, 2025. As a result, we recorded a \$181.1 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge, representing the full value of goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit within the Ketjen segment.

The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment test as of October 31, 2025. No evidence of impairment was noted for the reporting units with goodwill balances from the analysis.

We assess our indefinite-lived intangible assets, which include trade names and trademarks, for impairment annually and between annual tests if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the asset is impaired. The indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment standard allows us to first assess qualitative factors to determine if a quantitative impairment test is necessary. Further testing is only required if we determine, based on the qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset's fair value is less than its carrying amount. If we determine based on the qualitative assessment that it is more likely than not that the asset is impaired, an impairment test is performed by comparing the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset to its carrying amount. During the year ended December 31, 2025, no evidence of impairment was noted from the analysis for our indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Definite-lived intangible assets, such as purchased technology, patents and customer lists, are amortized over their estimated useful lives generally for periods ranging from five to twenty-five years. Except for customer lists and relationships associated with the majority of our Lithium business, which are amortized using the pattern of economic benefit method, definite-lived intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method. We evaluate the recovery of our definite-lived intangible assets by comparing the net carrying value of the asset group to the undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated from the use and eventual disposition of that asset group when events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. If the carrying amount of the asset group is not recoverable, the fair value of the asset group is measured and if the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized. See Note 10, "Goodwill and Other Intangibles," to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report.

Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits

Under authoritative accounting standards, assumptions are made regarding the valuation of benefit obligations and the performance of plan assets. As required, we recognize a balance sheet asset or liability for each of our pension and OPEB plans equal to the plan's funded status as of the measurement date. The primary assumptions are as follows:

- **Discount Rate**—The discount rate is used in calculating the present value of benefits, which is based on projections of benefit payments to be made in the future.
- **Expected Return on Plan Assets**—We project the future return on plan assets based on prior performance and future expectations for the types of investments held by the plans as well as the expected long-term allocation of plan assets for these investments. These projected returns reduce the net benefit costs recorded currently.
- **Rate of Compensation Increase**—For salary-related plans, we project employees' annual pay increases, which are used to project employees' pension benefits at retirement.

- **Mortality Assumptions**—Assumptions about life expectancy of plan participants are used in the measurement of related plan obligations.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognized annually in our consolidated statements of (loss) income in the fourth quarter and whenever a plan is determined to qualify for a remeasurement during a fiscal year. The remaining components of pension and OPEB plan expense, primarily service cost, interest cost and expected return on assets, are recorded on a monthly basis. The market-related value of assets equals the actual market value as of the date of measurement.

During 2025, we made changes to assumptions related to discount rates and expected rates of return on plan assets. We consider available information that we deem relevant when selecting each of these assumptions.

Our U.S. defined benefit plans for non-represented employees are closed to new participants, with no additional benefits accruing under these plans as participants' accrued benefits have been frozen. In selecting the discount rates for the U.S. plans, we consider expected benefit payments on a plan-by-plan basis. As a result, the Company uses different discount rates for each plan depending on the demographics of participants and the expected timing of benefit payments. For 2025, the discount rates were calculated using the results from a bond matching technique developed by Milliman, which matched the future estimated annual benefit payments of each respective plan against a portfolio of bonds of high quality to determine the discount rate. We believe our selected discount rates are determined using preferred methodology under authoritative accounting guidance and accurately reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date.

In selecting the discount rates for the foreign plans, we look at long-term yields on AA-rated corporate bonds when available. Our actuaries have developed yield curves based on the yields of constituent bonds in the various indices as well as on other market indicators such as swap rates, particularly at the longer durations. For the Eurozone, we apply the Aon Hewitt yield curve to projected cash flows from the relevant plans to derive the discount rate. For the U.K., the discount rate is determined by applying the Aon Hewitt yield curve for typical schemes of similar duration to projected cash flows of Albemarle's U.K. plan. In other countries where there is not a sufficiently deep market of high-quality corporate bonds, we set the discount rate by referencing the yield on government bonds of an appropriate duration.

At December 31, 2025, the weighted-average discount rate for the U.S. pension plans decreased to 5.43% from 5.65%, and increased for foreign pension plans to 4.50% from 4.04% to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date. The discount rate for the OPEB plans at December 31, 2025 and 2024 was 5.45% and 5.67%, respectively.

In estimating the expected return on plan assets, we consider past performance and future expectations for the types of investments held by the plan as well as the expected long-term allocations of plan assets to these investments. For the years 2025 and 2024, the weighted-average expected rate of return on U.S. pension plan assets was 6.70% and 6.88%, respectively, and the weighted-average expected rate of return on foreign pension plan assets was 6.52% and 5.95%, respectively. Effective January 1, 2026, the weighted-average expected rate of return on U.S. and foreign pension plan assets is 6.00% and 6.35%, respectively.

In projecting the rate of compensation increase, we consider past experience in light of changes in inflation rates. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the assumed weighted-average rate of compensation increase was 2.83% and 3.65%, respectively, for our foreign pension plans.

For the purpose of measuring our U.S. pension and OPEB obligations at December 31, 2025 and 2024, we used the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables along with the MP-2021 Mortality Improvement Scale, respectively, published by the SOA.

At December 31, 2025, the assumed rate of increase in the pre-65 and post-65 per capita cost of covered health care benefits for U.S. retirees was zero as the employer-paid premium caps (pre-65 and post-65) were met starting January 1, 2013.

A variance in the assumptions discussed above would have an impact on the projected benefit obligations, the accrued OPEB liabilities, and the annual net periodic pension and OPEB cost. The following table reflects the sensitivities associated with a hypothetical change in certain assumptions, primarily in the U.S. (in thousands):

	(Favorable) Unfavorable			
	1% Increase		1% Decrease	
	Increase (Decrease) in Benefit Obligation	Increase (Decrease) in Benefit Cost	Increase (Decrease) in Benefit Obligation	Increase (Decrease) in Benefit Cost
Actuarial Assumptions				
Discount Rate:				
Pension	\$ (54,506)	\$ 2,598	\$ 63,667	\$ (3,210)
Other postretirement benefits	\$ (3,975)	\$ 202	\$ 4,597	\$ (253)
Expected return on plan assets:				
Pension	* \$	(5,241)	* \$	5,241

* Not applicable.

Of the \$545.1 million total pension and postretirement assets at December 31, 2025, \$8.1 million, or approximately 1%, are measured using the net asset value as a practical expedient. Gains or losses attributable to these assets are recognized in the consolidated balance sheets as either an increase or decrease in plan assets. See Note 13, "Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits," to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report.

Income Taxes

We use the liability method for determining our income taxes, under which current and deferred tax liabilities and assets are recorded in accordance with enacted tax laws and rates. Under this method, the amounts of deferred tax liabilities and assets at the end of each period are determined using the tax rate expected to be in effect when taxes are actually paid or recovered. Future tax benefits are recognized to the extent that realization of such benefits is more likely than not. In order to record deferred tax assets and liabilities, we are following guidance under ASU 2015-17, which requires deferred tax assets and liabilities to be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet, along with any related valuation allowance. Tax effects are released from Accumulated other comprehensive loss using either the specific identification approach or the portfolio approach based on the nature of the underlying item.

Deferred income taxes are provided for the estimated income tax effect of temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of existing assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets are also provided for operating losses, capital losses and certain tax credit carryovers. A valuation allowance, reducing deferred tax assets, is established when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The realization of such deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of sufficient future taxable income of the appropriate character. Although realization is not assured, we do not establish a valuation allowance when we believe it is more likely than not that a net deferred tax asset will be realized. We elected to not consider the estimated impact of potential future Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax liabilities for purposes of assessing valuation allowances on its deferred tax balances.

We only recognize a tax benefit after concluding that it is more likely than not that the benefit will be sustained upon audit by the respective taxing authority based solely on the technical merits of the associated tax position. Once the recognition threshold is met, we recognize a tax benefit measured as the largest amount of the tax benefit that, in our judgment, is greater than 50% likely to be realized. Interest and penalties related to income tax liabilities are included in Income tax expense on the consolidated statements of (loss) income.

We are subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Due to the statute of limitations, we are no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax audits by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for years prior to 2022. Due to the statute of limitations, we also are no longer subject to U.S. state income tax audits prior to 2019.

With respect to jurisdictions outside the U.S., several audits are in process. We have audits ongoing for the years 2017 through 2024 related to Australia, Belgium, Chile, China and Germany, some of which are for entities that have since been divested.

While we believe we have adequately provided for all tax positions, amounts asserted by taxing authorities could be greater than our accrued position. Accordingly, additional provisions on federal and foreign tax-related matters could be recorded in the future as revised estimates are made or the underlying matters are settled or otherwise resolved.

Since the timing of resolutions and/or closure of tax audits is uncertain, it is difficult to predict with certainty the range of reasonably possible significant increases or decreases in the liability related to uncertain tax positions that may occur within the next twelve months. As a result of the sale of the Chemetall Surface Treatment business in 2016, we agreed to indemnify

certain income and non-income tax liabilities, including uncertain tax positions, associated with the entities sold. The associated liability is recorded in Other noncurrent liabilities. See Note 14, "Other Noncurrent Liabilities," and Note 20, "Income Taxes," to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report for further details.

We have designated the undistributed earnings of a portion of our foreign operations as indefinitely reinvested and as a result we do not provide for deferred income taxes on the unremitted earnings of these subsidiaries. Our foreign earnings are computed under U.S. federal tax earnings and profits ("E&P") principles. In general, to the extent our financial reporting book basis over tax basis of a foreign subsidiary exceeds these E&P amounts, deferred taxes have not been provided, as they are essentially permanent in duration. The determination of the amount of such unrecognized deferred tax liability is not practicable. We provide for deferred income taxes on our undistributed earnings of foreign operations that are not deemed to be indefinitely invested. We will continue to evaluate our permanent investment assertion taking into consideration all relevant and current tax laws.

Financial Condition and Liquidity

Overview

The principal uses of cash in our business generally have been capital investments and resource development costs, funding working capital, and service of debt. We also make contributions to our defined benefit pension plans, pay dividends to our shareholders and have the ability to repurchase shares of our common stock. Historically, cash to fund the needs of our business has been principally provided by cash from operations, debt financing and equity issuances.

We are continually focused on working capital efficiency particularly in the areas of accounts receivable, payables and inventory. We anticipate that cash on hand, cash provided by operating activities, proceeds from divestitures and borrowings will be sufficient to pay our operating expenses, satisfy debt service obligations, fund capital expenditures and other investing activities, fund pension contributions and pay dividends for the foreseeable future.

Cash Flow

Our cash and cash equivalents were \$1.6 billion at December 31, 2025 as compared to \$1.2 billion at December 31, 2024. Cash provided by operating activities was \$1.3 billion, \$687.9 million and \$1.3 billion during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The increase in cash provided by operating activities in 2025 versus 2024 was primarily due to the receipt of an Energy Storage customer prepayment of \$350 million during the first quarter of 2025 and increased earnings from Specialties and Ketjen, partially offset by a decrease in cash flows from working capital changes, lower dividends received from unconsolidated investments and decreased earnings from the Energy Storage segment, driven by lower average lithium market prices in 2025. Net cash inflows from working capital changes in 2025 were primarily driven by lower inventories and accounts receivable, as well as increased accounts payable from focused working capital management and lower lithium prices. The inflow from working capital in 2024 was primarily driven by working capital management and the impact of lower lithium pricing in inventories and accounts receivable. This was partially offset by lower accounts payable driven by similar lower lithium pricing. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities in 2024 versus 2023 was primarily due to decreased earnings from the Energy Storage and Specialties segments, driven by lower lithium market prices, and \$1.7 billion less dividends received from unconsolidated investments, partially offset by positive working capital changes year-over-year of \$2.3 billion. The inflow from working capital in 2024 was primarily driven by working capital management and the impact of lower lithium pricing in inventories and accounts receivables. This was partially offset by lower accounts payable driven by similar lower lithium pricing. Working capital outflows in 2023 were driven by higher inventory balances from higher cost spodumene and accounts receivable balances from higher net sales.

During 2025, cash on hand, cash provided by operations and \$288.0 million received from the redemption of preferred equity funded \$589.8 million of capital expenditures for plant, machinery and equipment, the repayment of long-term debt of \$505.7 million (primarily related to the 1.125% notes that matured in November 2025), dividends to common shareholders of \$190.5 million and dividends to mandatory convertible preferred shareholders of \$166.8 million. During 2024, cash on hand, cash provided by operations and net proceeds from the issuance of mandatory convertible preferred stock of \$2.2 billion funded \$1.7 billion of capital expenditures for plant, machinery and equipment, the repayment of a net balance of \$620.0 million of commercial paper, dividends to common shareholders of \$188.5 million and dividends to mandatory convertible preferred shareholders of \$122.7 million. During 2023, cash on hand, cash provided by operations and net proceeds from net borrowings of commercial paper and long-term debt of \$944.2 million funded \$2.1 billion of capital expenditures for plant, machinery and equipment, net; approximately \$380 million paid to MRL for the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture; \$218.5 million to resolve the legal matter with the DOJ and SEC; investments in marketable securities, primarily public equity securities, of

\$204.5 million; and dividends to shareholders of \$187.2 million. In addition, during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, our consolidated joint venture, JBC, declared dividends of \$99.8 million, \$149.8 million and \$149.7 million, respectively, which resulted in dividends paid to noncontrolling interests of \$18.2 million, \$37.2 million and \$105.6 million (\$53.1 million declared in 2022 was paid in the first quarter of 2023), respectively.

On October 25, 2025, we signed a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of Ketjen's Refining Solutions business, as a result of which we will initially own approximately 49% of the divested business through our ownership interest in ChemCat Holdings, LP, a newly formed limited partnership ("Holdco"). The Refining Solutions business is defined as our Ketjen reportable segment, excluding its PCS business and our 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. Following the completion of the Refining Solutions Business Transaction, we will receive an estimated \$536 million in cash and will own 49% of the common units of Holdco. We expect the Refining Solutions Business Transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions.

In a separate transaction, on January 23, 2026, we completed the sale of our 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. for €105 million (approximately \$123 million using foreign exchange rates on the closing date) in cash, to Axens SA.

Upon closing of both divestitures, we expect to receive an approximate total of \$660 million in cash proceeds. We expect to use these proceeds for debt reduction and other general corporate purposes. As a result of entering into these definitive agreements, we recorded a non-cash goodwill impairment charge in the third quarter of 2025 of \$181.1 million, representing the full value of goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit as of September 30, 2025. In addition, upon classification as held for sale during the fourth quarter of 2025, the Company recorded a \$245.6 million non-cash long-lived asset impairment charge to reduce the carrying amount of the Refining Solutions business to its fair value less costs to sell as of December 31, 2025.

In June 2025, the Company redeemed the preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary (originally issued as part of the proceeds from the sale of the FCS business in 2021) for an aggregate value of \$307.4 million, comprised of \$288.0 million in cash received in June 2025 for the redemption and \$19.4 million in cash previously received for tax liabilities. Prior to its redemption, the preferred equity had a fair value of \$326.0 million, which was reported in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. Following the redemption, we recorded a loss of \$38.0 million within Other income, net in the year ended December 31, 2025, representing the difference between the cash received and the recorded fair value.

In the normal course of business, amounts received from customers in advance of the Company's satisfaction of its contractual performance obligations are recorded as deferred revenue, and are recognized within Net sales as the Company satisfies the related performance obligation. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company received \$350 million from a customer for the delivery of specified amounts of spodumene and lithium salts through 2029.

Beginning in 2024, we took proactive actions to optimize our cost structure and strengthen our financial flexibility, including certain restructuring activities and reducing planned capital expenditures. As part of these actions, we transitioned to a new operating structure from two core global business units to a fully integrated functional model (excluding Ketjen), stopped construction of Kemerton Train 3 and 4, placed Kemerton Train 2 into care and maintenance, as well as deferred spending and investments in certain other capital projects. Additionally, as part of this restructuring plan, we placed the Chengdu, China conversion plant into care and maintenance during the first half of 2025. Since inception, we have recorded charges for these actions consisting of asset write-offs of \$1.0 billion, severance and employee benefits of \$72.3 million, contract cancellation costs of \$63.3 million and other costs (primarily consisting of the reclassification of the related dedesignated cash flow hedge from Accumulated other comprehensive loss) of \$46.5 million. In February 2026, we announced the decision to put Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance, which is expected to result in an estimated \$150 million to \$225 million of cash related charges resulting primarily from decommissioning costs, contract cancellation costs, severance expenses and asset disposal costs (the "Cost Actions"). We expect charges related to these Cost Actions to primarily be recorded in 2026 and the majority of these Cost Actions to be completed in 2026, with the remainder expected to be completed in 2027.

In January 2024, the Company sold equity securities of a public company for proceeds of approximately \$81.5 million. As a result of the sale, the Company realized a loss of \$33.7 million in the year ended December 31, 2024.

On March 8, 2024, the Company issued 46,000,000 depositary shares, each representing a 1/20th interest in a share of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock. The 2,300,000 shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock issued had a \$1,000 per share liquidation preference. As a result of this transaction, the Company received cash proceeds of approximately \$2.2 billion, net of underwriting fees and offering costs. The proceeds were used to repay outstanding commercial paper and for general corporate purposes. See Note 16, "Equity," for additional information.

On October 18, 2023, the Company closed on the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with MRL. This updated structure is intended to significantly simplify the commercial operation agreements previously entered into, allow us to retain full control of downstream conversion assets and to provide greater strategic opportunities for each company based on their global operations and the evolving lithium market.

Under the amended agreements, Albemarle acquired the remaining 40% ownership of the Kemerton lithium hydroxide processing facility in Australia that was jointly owned with Mineral Resources through the MARBL joint venture. Following this restructuring, Albemarle and MRL each own 50% of Wodgina, and MRL operates the Wodgina mine on behalf of the joint venture. During the fourth quarter of 2023, Albemarle paid MRL approximately \$380 million in cash, which includes \$180 million of consideration for the remaining ownership of Kemerton as well as a payment for the economic effective date of the transaction being retroactive to April 1, 2022.

Capital expenditures were \$589.8 million, \$1.7 billion and \$2.2 billion for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and were incurred mainly for plant, machinery and equipment. The lower capital expenditures in 2025 compared to prior years reflect reduced sustaining growth and capital spend, while continuing safety and critical maintenance expenditures. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, capital expenditures for the construction of Kemerton Trains 3 and 4, that were subsequently written off as part of the restructuring actions described above, were \$296.2 million and \$535.7 million, respectively.

The Company is permitted to repurchase up to a maximum of 15,000,000 shares under a share repurchase program authorized by our Board of Directors. There were no shares of our common stock repurchased during 2025, 2024 or 2023. At December 31, 2025, there were 7,396,263 remaining shares available for repurchase under the Company's authorized share repurchase program.

Net current assets increased to approximately \$2.2 billion at December 31, 2025 from \$1.9 billion at December 31, 2024. The increase is primarily due to an increased cash balance from the receipt of an Energy Storage customer prepayment of \$350.0 million and \$288.0 million from the redemption of the Grace preferred stock in 2025. Additional changes in the components of net current assets are primarily due to the timing of the sale of goods and other ordinary transactions leading up to the balance sheet dates. The additional changes are not the result of any policy changes by the Company, and do not reflect any change in either the quality of our net current assets or our expectation of success in converting net working capital to cash in the ordinary course of business.

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, our cash and cash equivalents included \$1.1 billion and \$833.7 million, respectively, held by our foreign subsidiaries. The majority of these foreign cash balances are associated with earnings that we have asserted are indefinitely reinvested and which we plan to use to support our continued growth plans outside the U.S. through funding of capital expenditures, acquisitions, research, operating expenses or other similar cash needs of our foreign operations. From time to time, we repatriate cash associated with earnings from our foreign subsidiaries to the U.S. for normal operating needs through intercompany dividends, but only from subsidiaries whose earnings we have not asserted to be indefinitely reinvested or whose earnings qualify as "previously taxed income" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, we repatriated approximately \$32.7 million and \$2.9 million of cash, respectively, as part of these foreign earnings cash repatriation activities. There were no cash repatriations during the year ended December 31, 2025.

While we continue to closely monitor our cash generation, working capital management and capital spending in light of continuing uncertainties in the global economy, we believe that we will continue to have the financial flexibility and capability to opportunistically fund future growth initiatives. Additionally, we anticipate that future capital spending, including business acquisitions and other cash outlays, should be financed primarily with cash flow provided by operations, cash on hand and additional issuances of debt or equity securities, as needed.

Long-Term Debt

We currently have the following notes outstanding:

Issue Month/Year	Principal (in millions)	Interest Rate	Interest Payment Dates	Maturity Date
May 2022 ^(a)	\$650.0	4.65%	June 1 and December 1	June 1, 2027
November 2019	€500.0	1.625%	November 25	November 25, 2028
November 2019 ^(a)	\$171.6	3.45%	May 15 and November 15	November 15, 2029
May 2022 ^(a)	\$600.0	5.05%	June 1 and December 1	June 1, 2032
November 2014 ^(a)	\$350.0	5.45%	June 1 and December 1	December 1, 2044
May 2022 ^(a)	\$450.0	5.65%	June 1 and December 1	June 1, 2052

(a) Denotes senior notes.

Our senior notes are senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with all our other senior unsecured indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes are effectively subordinated to all of our existing or future secured indebtedness and to the existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries. As is customary for such long-term debt instruments, each series of notes outstanding has terms that allow us to redeem the notes before maturity, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of these notes to be redeemed, or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis using the comparable government rate (as defined in the indentures governing these notes) plus between 25 and 40 basis points, depending on the series of notes, plus, in each case, accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption. Holders may require us to purchase such notes at 101% upon a change of control triggering event, as defined in the indentures. These notes are subject to typical events of default, including bankruptcy and insolvency events, nonpayment and the acceleration of certain subsidiary indebtedness of \$40 million or more caused by a nonpayment default.

Our Euro notes issued in 2019 are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank equally in right of payment to all our other unsecured senior obligations. The Euro notes are effectively subordinated to all of our existing or future secured indebtedness and to the existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries. As is customary for such long-term debt instruments, the outstanding notes have terms that allow us to redeem the notes before their maturity, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal thereof and interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to, but excluding, the date of redemption) discounted to the redemption date on an annual basis using the bond rate (as defined in the indentures governing these notes) plus 35 basis points plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount being redeemed to, but excluding, the date of redemption. Holders may require us to purchase such notes at 101% upon a change of control triggering event, as defined in the indenture. These notes are subject to typical events of default, including bankruptcy and insolvency events, nonpayment and the acceleration of certain subsidiary indebtedness exceeding \$100 million caused by a nonpayment default.

On October 31, 2024, we amended the 2022 Credit Agreement, which provides for borrowings of up to \$1.5 billion and currently matures on October 28, 2027. Borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement bear interest at variable rates based on a benchmark rate depending on the currency in which the loans are denominated, plus an applicable margin which ranges from 0.910% to 1.375%, depending on the Company's credit rating from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services LLC ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") and Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch"). With respect to loans denominated in U.S. dollars, interest is calculated using the term Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") plus a term SOFR adjustment of 0.10%, plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin on the facility was 1.20% as of December 31, 2025. There were no borrowings outstanding under the 2022 Credit Agreement as of December 31, 2025.

Borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement are conditioned upon satisfaction of certain customary conditions precedent, including the absence of defaults. The October 2024 amendment was entered into to modify the financial covenants under the 2022 Credit Agreement. The amended 2022 Credit Agreement subjects the Company to two financial covenants, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The amended first financial covenant requires that the ratio of (a) (i) the Company's consolidated net funded debt plus a proportionate amount of Windfield's net funded debt less (ii) the Company's unrestricted cash and cash equivalents plus a proportionate amount of Windfield's unrestricted cash and cash equivalents (up to a specified amount) to (b) consolidated Windfield-Adjusted EBITDA (as such terms are defined in the 2022 Credit Agreement) be less than or equal to (i) 5.00:1.0 as of the end of the fourth quarter of 2025, (ii) 4.75:1.0 as of the end of each of the first and

second quarters of 2026, and (iii) 3.50:1.0 as of the end of the third quarter of 2026 and each fiscal quarter thereafter through the third quarter of 2027. The maximum permitted leverage ratios described above are subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of the 2022 Credit Agreement upon the consummation of an acquisition after June 30, 2026 if the consideration includes cash proceeds from the issuance of funded debt in excess of \$500 million.

The amended second financial covenant requires that the ratio of the Company's consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest charges (as such terms are defined in the 2022 Credit Agreement) be no less than (i) 2.50:1.0 for the fourth quarter of 2025, and (ii) 3.00:1.0 for all fiscal quarters thereafter. The 2022 Credit Agreement also contains customary default provisions, including defaults for non-payment, breach of representations and warranties, insolvency, non-performance of covenants and cross-defaults to other material indebtedness. The occurrence of an event of default under the 2022 Credit Agreement could result in all loans and other obligations becoming immediately due and payable and the commitments under the 2022 Credit Agreement being terminated. The Company expects to maintain compliance with the amended financial covenants in the near future. However, a significant downturn in lithium market prices or demand could impact the Company's ability to maintain compliance with its amended financial covenants and it could require the Company to seek additional amendments to the 2022 Credit Agreement and/or issue debt or equity securities to fund its activities and maintain financial flexibility. If the Company were unable to obtain such necessary additional amendments, this could lead to an event of default and its lenders could require the Company to repay its outstanding debt. In that situation, the Company may not be able to raise sufficient debt or equity capital, or divest assets, to refinance or repay the lenders.

On May 29, 2013, we entered into agreements to initiate a commercial paper program on a private placement basis under which we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes (the "Commercial Paper Notes") from time-to-time. The maximum aggregate face amount of Commercial Paper Notes outstanding at any time is limited to \$1.5 billion, while the aggregate borrowings outstanding under the 2022 Credit Agreement and the Commercial Paper Notes will not exceed the \$1.5 billion current maximum amount available under the 2022 Credit Agreement. The Commercial Paper Notes will be sold at a discount from par, or alternatively, will be sold at par and bear interest at rates that will vary based upon market conditions at the time of issuance. The maturities of the Commercial Paper Notes will vary but may not exceed 397 days from the date of issue. The definitive documents relating to the commercial paper program contain customary representations, warranties, default and indemnification provisions. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we repaid a net amount of \$620.0 million of commercial paper notes using the net proceeds received from the issuance of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock. There were no commercial paper notes outstanding as of December 31, 2025.

In the second quarter of 2023, the Company received a loan of \$300.0 million to be repaid in five equal annual installments beginning on December 31, 2026. This interest-free loan was discounted using an imputed interest rate of 5.5% and the Company will amortize that discount through Interest and financing expenses over the term of the loan.

When constructing new facilities or making major enhancements to existing facilities, we may have the opportunity to enter into incentive agreements with local government agencies in order to reduce certain state and local tax expenditures. Under these agreements, we transfer the related assets to various local government entities and receive bonds. We immediately lease the facilities from the local government entities and have an option to repurchase the facilities for a nominal amount upon tendering the bonds to the local government entities at various predetermined dates. The bonds and the associated obligations for the leases of the facilities offset, and the underlying assets are recorded in property, plant and equipment. We currently have the ability to transfer up to \$540 million in assets under these arrangements. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, there were \$159.4 million and \$74.5 million, respectively, of bonds outstanding under these arrangements.

The non-current portion of our long-term debt amounted to \$3.1 billion at December 31, 2025, compared to \$3.1 billion at December 31, 2024. In addition, at December 31, 2025, we had the ability to borrow \$1.5 billion under our commercial paper program and the 2022 Credit Agreement, and \$104.5 million under other existing lines of credit, subject to various financial covenants under the 2022 Credit Agreement. We have the ability and intent to refinance our borrowings under our other existing credit lines with borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement, as applicable. Therefore, the amounts outstanding under those credit lines, if any, are classified as long-term debt. We believe that as of December 31, 2025 we were, and currently are, in compliance with all of our debt covenants. For additional information about our long-term debt obligations, see Note 12, "Long-Term Debt," to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

In the normal course of business with customers, vendors and others, we have entered into off-balance sheet arrangements, including bank guarantees and letters of credit, which totaled approximately \$102.6 million at December 31, 2025. None of these off-balance sheet arrangements has, or is likely to have, a material effect on our current or future financial condition, results of operations, liquidity or capital resources.

Liquidity Outlook

We generally use cash on hand and cash provided by operating activities, divestitures and borrowings to pay our operating expenses, satisfy debt service obligations, fund any capital expenditures, make acquisitions, make pension contributions and pay dividends. For example, as noted previously, in the first quarter of 2026, we expect to close on two divestitures and receive approximately \$660 million in cash proceeds to be used for debt reduction and other general corporate purposes. We also could borrow under our credit facilities or issue additional debt or equity securities to fund these activities in an effort to maintain our financial flexibility. Our main focus in the short-term, during the continued uncertainty surrounding the global economy, including lithium market pricing and recent inflationary trends, is to continue to maintain financial flexibility by continuing our cost savings initiative, committing to shareholder returns and maintaining an investment grade rating. Over the next three years, with respect to our use of cash, we will focus on deleveraging, investing in growth of the businesses and returning value to shareholders. Additionally, we will continue to evaluate the merits of any opportunities that may arise for acquisitions of businesses or assets, which may require additional liquidity. Financing the purchase price of any such acquisitions could involve borrowing under existing or new credit facilities and/or the issuance of debt or equity securities, in addition to use of cash on hand.

We expect our capital expenditures to be between \$550 million and \$600 million in 2026, in line with the \$589.8 million of capital expenditures in 2025. The forecasted capital expenditures in 2026 reflects the new level of spending to unlock cash flow over the near term and generate long-term financial flexibility and is driven by reduced sustaining growth and capital spend, while continuing safety and critical maintenance expenditures.

The Company's restructuring actions that began in 2024 are part of a broader effort focused on preserving its world-class resource advantages, optimizing its global conversion network, improving the Company's cost competitiveness and efficiency, reducing capital intensity and enhancing the Company's financial flexibility. While we have achieved our \$400 million per year cost and productivity improvement target resulting from the comprehensive review of our cost and operating structure, we will continue to be focused on our cost and operating structure going forward.

In February 2026, we announced the decision to put Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance, which is expected to result in an estimated \$150 million to \$225 million of cash related charges resulting primarily from decommissioning costs, contract cancellation costs, severance expenses and asset disposal costs. We expect the charges related to these Cost Actions to primarily be recorded in 2026 and the majority of these Cost Actions to be completed in 2026, with the remainder expected to be completed in 2027.

We are party to master receivables purchase agreements, under which we may sell available and eligible outstanding customer accounts receivable generated by sales to certain customers of up to approximately \$180.6 million at any one time. These agreements are uncommitted and can be terminated by us or the purchaser with certain notice as defined in the contract. Transactions under these agreements are accounted for as sales of accounts receivable, and the receivables sold are removed from the consolidated balance sheets at the time of the sales transaction. During the year ended December 31, 2025, we sold and removed approximately \$257.4 million of accounts receivable under these master receivables purchase agreements. We incurred approximately \$1.1 million of fees associated with the master receivables purchase agreements during the year ended December 31, 2025. Costs associated with the sales of receivables are reflected in the consolidated statements of (loss) income for the periods in which the sales occur.

In 2022, we announced we had been awarded an approximately \$150 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand domestic manufacturing of batteries for EVs and the electrical grid and for materials and components currently imported from other countries. The grant funding is intended to support a portion of the anticipated cost to construct a new, commercial-scale U.S.-based lithium concentrator facility at our Kings Mountain, North Carolina, location. We expect the concentrator facility to create hundreds of construction and full-time jobs and to produce approximately 420,000 tons of spodumene concentrate annually. To further support the restart of the Kings Mountain mine, in 2023, we announced a \$90 million critical materials award from the U.S. Department of Defense. Since inception of the award, the Company has received \$25.2 million of these funds.

Overall, with generally strong cash-generative businesses and various capital resources, we believe we have, and will be able to maintain a solid liquidity position. In order to maintain financial flexibility, we may issue additional debt or equity securities to fund future debt maturities, capital spending and other cash outlays. Our annual maturities of long-term debt as of December 31, 2025 are as follows (in millions): 2026—\$74.1; 2027—\$710.0; 2028—\$648.6; 2029—\$231.6; 2030—\$60.0; thereafter—\$1,531.1. In addition, we expect to make interest payments on those long-term debt obligations as follows (in millions): 2026—\$120.8; 2027—\$103.1; 2028—\$89.7; 2029—\$80.2; 2030—\$74.8; thereafter—\$852.9. For variable-rate debt

obligations, projected interest payments are calculated using the December 31, 2025 weighted average interest rate of approximately 1.40%.

As of December 31, 2025, we have committed to approximately \$133.9 million of payments to third-party vendors in the normal course of business to secure raw materials for our production processes, with approximately \$66.2 million to be paid in 2026. In order to secure materials, sometimes for long durations, these contracts mandate a minimum amount of product to be purchased at predetermined rates over a set timeframe.

See Note 18, "Leases," to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report for our annual expected payments under our operating lease obligations at December 31, 2025.

In 2026, we expect to pay the remaining \$44.6 million balance from the transition tax on foreign earnings as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA") signed into law in December 2017. The one-time transition tax imposed by the TCJA was based on our total post-1986 earnings and profits that we previously deferred from U.S. income taxes and was payable over an eight-year period, with the final payment to be made in 2026.

Contributions to our domestic and foreign qualified and nonqualified pension plans, including our supplemental executive retirement plan, are expected to approximate \$13 million in 2026. We may choose to make additional pension contributions in excess of this amount. We made contributions of approximately \$18.5 million to our domestic and foreign pension plans (both qualified and nonqualified) during the year ended December 31, 2025.

The liability related to uncertain tax positions, including interest and penalties, recorded in Other noncurrent liabilities totaled \$259.2 million and \$259.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Related assets for corresponding offsetting benefits recorded in Other assets totaled \$75.8 million and \$74.8 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. We cannot estimate the amounts of any cash payments during the next twelve months associated with these liabilities and are unable to estimate the timing of any such cash payments in the future at this time.

Our cash flows from operations may be negatively affected by adverse consequences to our customers and the markets in which we compete as a result of moderating global economic conditions, continuing inflationary trends and reduced capital availability. We have experienced, and may continue to experience, volatility and increases in the price of certain raw materials and in transportation and energy costs as a result of global market and supply chain disruptions and the broader inflationary environment. As a result, we are planning for various economic scenarios and actively monitoring our balance sheet to maintain the financial flexibility needed.

Although we maintain business relationships with a diverse group of financial institutions as sources of financing, an adverse change in any of their credit standing could lead them to not honor their contractual credit commitments to us, decline funding under our existing but uncommitted lines of credit with them, not renew their extensions of credit or not provide new financing to us. While the global corporate bond and bank loan markets remain strong, periods of elevated uncertainty related to the stability of the banking system, future pandemics or global economic and/or geopolitical concerns may limit efficient access to such markets for extended periods of time. If such concerns heighten, we may incur increased borrowing costs and reduced credit capacity as our various credit facilities mature. If the U.S. Federal Reserve or similar national reserve banks in other countries decide to continue tightening the monetary supply, we may incur increased borrowing costs (as interest rates increase on our variable rate credit facilities, as our various credit facilities mature or as we refinance any maturing fixed rate debt obligations), although these cost increases would be partially offset by increased income rates on portions of our cash deposits.

We had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$1.6 billion as of December 31, 2025, of which \$1.1 billion is held by our foreign subsidiaries. This cash represents an important source of our liquidity and is invested in bank accounts or money market investments with no limitations on access. The cash held by our foreign subsidiaries is intended for use outside of the U.S. We anticipate that any needs for liquidity within the U.S. in excess of our cash held in the U.S. can be readily satisfied with borrowings under our existing U.S. credit facilities or our commercial paper program.

Guarantor Financial Information

Albemarle Wodgina Pty Ltd Issued Notes

Albemarle Wodgina Pty Ltd (the "Issuer"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albemarle Corporation, issued \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.45% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "3.45% Senior Notes") in November 2019. The 3.45% Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed (the "Guarantee") on a senior unsecured basis by Albemarle Corporation (the "Parent Guarantor"). No direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Parent Guarantor guarantee the 3.45% Senior Notes (such subsidiaries are referred to as the "Non-Guarantors").

In 2019, we completed the acquisition of a 60% interest in Wodgina in Western Australia and formed an unincorporated joint venture with MRL, named MARBL Lithium Joint Venture, for the exploration, development, mining, processing and production of lithium and other minerals (other than iron ore and tantalum) from the Wodgina spodumene mine and for the operation of the Kemerton assets in Western Australia. We participate in Wodgina through our ownership interest in the Issuer. On October 18, 2023 we amended the joint venture agreements, resulting in a decrease of our ownership interest in the MARBL joint venture and Wodgina to 50%.

Prior to January 1, 2024, the Parent Guarantor conducted its U.S. Specialties and Ketjen operations directly, and conducted its other operations (other than operations conducted through the Issuer) through the Non-Guarantors. Effective January 1, 2024, the Company transferred its U.S. Ketjen operations to a separate non-guarantor subsidiary and its results are no longer included within the summarized Parent Guarantor and Issuer financial information below.

The 3.45% Senior Notes are the Issuer's senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of payment to the senior indebtedness of the Issuer, effectively subordinated to all of the secured indebtedness of the Issuer, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of its subsidiaries. The Guarantee is the senior unsecured obligation of the Parent Guarantor and ranks equally in right of payment to the senior indebtedness of the Parent Guarantor, effectively subordinated to the secured debt of the Parent Guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing the indebtedness and structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of its subsidiaries.

For cash management purposes, the Parent Guarantor transfers cash among itself, the Issuer and the Non-Guarantors through intercompany financing arrangements, contributions or declaration of dividends between the respective parent and its subsidiaries. The transfer of cash under these activities facilitates the ability of the recipient to make specified third-party payments for principal and interest on the Issuer and/or the Parent Guarantor's outstanding debt, common stock dividends and common stock repurchases. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Issuer or the Parent Guarantor to obtain funds from subsidiaries by dividend or loan.

The following tables present summarized financial information for the Parent Guarantor and the Issuer on a combined basis after elimination of (i) intercompany transactions and balances among the Issuer and the Parent Guarantor and (ii) equity in earnings from and investments in any subsidiary that is a Non-Guarantor. Each entity in the combined financial information follows the same accounting policies as described herein.

Summarized Statement of Operations

	Year ended December 31, 2025
<i>\$ in thousands</i>	
Net sales ^(a)	\$ 741,274
Gross profit	238,415
Loss before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments ^(b)	(315,779)
Net loss attributable to the Guarantor and the Issuer	(324,323)

(a) Includes net sales to Non-Guarantors of \$419.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2025.

(b) Includes intergroup expenses to Non-Guarantors of \$5.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Summarized Balance Sheet

	At December 31, 2025
<i>\$ in thousands</i>	
Current assets ^(a)	\$ 2,477,653
Net property, plant and equipment	1,917,878
Other non-current assets ^(b)	1,555,670
Current liabilities ^(c)	\$ 4,322,260
Long-term debt	2,254,535
Other non-current liabilities ^(d)	5,227,721

- (a) Includes receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$1.8 billion at December 31, 2025.
- (b) Includes non-current receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$1.2 billion at December 31, 2025.
- (c) Includes current payables to Non-Guarantors of \$4.0 billion at December 31, 2025.
- (d) Includes non-current payables to Non-Guarantors of \$4.9 billion at December 31, 2025.

The 3.45% Senior Notes are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Non-Guarantors. The Non-Guarantors are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due pursuant to the 3.45% Senior Notes or the Indenture under which the 3.45% Senior Notes were issued, or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans, distributions or other payments. Any right that the Parent Guarantor has to receive any assets of any of the Non-Guarantors upon the liquidation or reorganization of any Non-Guarantor, and the consequent rights of holders of the 3.45% Senior Notes to realize proceeds from the sale of any of a Non-Guarantor's assets, would be effectively subordinated to the claims of such Non-Guarantor's creditors, including trade creditors and holders of preferred equity interests, if any, of such Non-Guarantor. Accordingly, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of the Non-Guarantors, the Non-Guarantors will pay the holders of their debts, holders of preferred equity interests, if any, and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to the Parent Guarantor.

The 3.45% Senior Notes are obligations of the Issuer. The Issuer's cash flow and ability to make payments on the 3.45% Senior Notes could be dependent upon the earnings it derives from the production from MARBL for Wodgina. Absent income received from sales of its share of production from MARBL, the Issuer's ability to service the 3.45% Senior Notes could be dependent upon the earnings of the Parent Guarantor's subsidiaries and other joint ventures and the payment of those earnings to the Issuer in the form of equity, loans or advances and through repayment of loans or advances from the Issuer.

The Issuer's obligations in respect of MARBL are guaranteed by the Parent Guarantor. Further, under MARBL pursuant to a deed of cross security between the Issuer, the joint venture partner and the manager of the project (the "Manager"), each of the Issuer, and the joint venture partner have granted security to each other and the Manager for the obligations each of the Issuer and the joint venture partner have to each other and to the Manager. The claims of the joint venture partner, the Manager and other secured creditors of the Issuer will have priority as to the assets of the Issuer over the claims of holders of the 3.45% Senior Notes.

Albemarle Corporation Issued Notes

In March 2021, Albemarle New Holding GmbH (the "Subsidiary Guarantor"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Albemarle Corporation, added a full and unconditional guarantee (the "Upstream Guarantee") to all securities of Albemarle Corporation (the "Parent Issuer") issued and outstanding as of such date and, subject to the terms of the applicable amendment or supplement, securities issuable by the Parent Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of January 20, 2005, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Indenture"). No other direct or indirect subsidiaries of the Parent Issuer guarantee these securities (such subsidiaries are referred to as the "Upstream Non-Guarantors"). See Long-term debt section above for a description of the securities issued by the Parent Issuer.

The current securities outstanding under the Indenture are the Parent Issuer's unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Parent Issuer. All securities currently outstanding under the Indenture are effectively subordinated to the Parent Issuer's existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness. With respect to any series of securities issued under the Indenture that is subject to the Upstream Guarantee (which series of securities does not include the 2022 Notes), the Upstream Guarantee is, and will be, an unsecured and unsubordinated obligation of the Subsidiary Guarantor, ranking *pari passu* with all other existing and future unsubordinated and unsecured indebtedness of the Subsidiary Guarantor. All securities currently outstanding under the Indenture (other than the 2022 Notes) are effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the Parent's Subsidiaries other than the Subsidiary Guarantor. The 2022 Notes are effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of the Parent's Subsidiaries, including the Subsidiary Guarantor.

For cash management purposes, the Parent Issuer transfers cash among itself, the Subsidiary Guarantor and the Upstream Non-Guarantors through intercompany financing arrangements, contributions or declaration of dividends between the respective parent and its subsidiaries. The transfer of cash under these activities facilitates the ability of the recipient to make specified third-party payments for principal and interest on the Parent Issuer and/or the Subsidiary Guarantor's outstanding debt, common stock dividends and common stock repurchases. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Parent Issuer or the Subsidiary Guarantor to obtain funds from subsidiaries by dividend or loan.

The following tables present summarized financial information for the Subsidiary Guarantor and the Parent Issuer on a combined basis after elimination of (i) intercompany transactions and balances among the Parent Issuer and the Subsidiary Guarantor and (ii) equity in earnings from and investments in any subsidiary that is an Upstream Non-Guarantor.

Summarized Statement of Operations

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	Year ended December 31, 2025
Net sales ^(a)	\$ 521,976
Gross profit	296,868
Loss before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments ^(b)	(237,553)
Net loss attributable to the Subsidiary Guarantor and the Parent Issuer	(254,488)

(a) Includes net sales to Non-Guarantors of \$199.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2025.

(b) Includes intergroup income from Non-Guarantors of \$5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Summarized Balance Sheet

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	At December 31, 2025
Current assets ^(a)	\$ 2,520,047
Net property, plant and equipment	790,786
Other non-current assets ^(b)	667,148
Current liabilities ^(c)	\$ 4,284,798
Long-term debt	2,621,531
Other non-current liabilities ^(d)	5,247,889

(a) Includes current receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$1.9 billion at December 31, 2025.

(b) Includes noncurrent receivables from Non-Guarantors of \$278.3 million at December 31, 2025.

(c) Includes current payables to Non-Guarantors of \$4.0 billion at December 31, 2025.

(d) Includes non-current payables to Non-Guarantors of \$4.9 billion at December 31, 2025.

These securities are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of the Upstream Non-Guarantors. The Upstream Non-Guarantors are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due pursuant to these securities or the Indenture under which these securities were issued, or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans, distributions or other payments. Any right that the Subsidiary Guarantor has to receive any assets of any of the Upstream Non-Guarantors upon the liquidation or reorganization of any Upstream Non-Guarantors, and the consequent rights of holders of these securities to realize proceeds from the sale of any of an Upstream Non-Guarantor's assets, would be effectively subordinated to the claims of such Upstream Non-Guarantor's creditors, including trade creditors and holders of preferred equity interests, if any, of such Upstream Non-Guarantor. Accordingly, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of the Upstream Non-Guarantors, the Upstream Non-Guarantors will pay the holders of their debts, holders of preferred equity interests, if any, and their trade creditors before they will be able to distribute any of their assets to the Subsidiary Guarantor.

Safety and Environmental Matters

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign requirements regulating the handling, manufacture and use of materials (some of which may be classified as hazardous or toxic by one or more regulatory agencies), the discharge of materials into the environment and the protection of the environment. To our knowledge, we are currently complying, and expect to continue to comply, in all material respects with applicable environmental laws, regulations, statutes and ordinances. Compliance with existing federal, state, local and foreign environmental protection laws is not currently expected to have a material effect on capital expenditures, earnings or our competitive position, but the costs associated with increased legal or regulatory requirements could have an adverse effect on our operating results.

Among other environmental requirements, we are subject to the federal Superfund law, and similar state laws, under which we may be designated as a PRP, and may be liable for a share of the costs associated with cleaning up various hazardous

waste sites. Management believes that in cases in which we may have liability as a PRP, our liability for our share of cleanup is de minimis. Further, almost all such sites represent environmental issues that are quite mature and have been investigated, studied and in many cases settled. In de minimis situations, our policy generally is to negotiate a consent decree and to pay any apportioned settlement, enabling us to be effectively relieved of any further liability as a PRP, except for remote contingencies. In other than de minimis PRP matters, our records indicate that unresolved PRP exposures should be immaterial. We accrue and expense our proportionate share of PRP costs. Because management has been actively involved in evaluating environmental matters, we are able to conclude that the outstanding environmental liabilities for unresolved PRP sites should not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations or financial condition.

Our environmental and safety operating costs charged to expense were \$76.0 million, \$87.5 million and \$73.0 million during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, excluding depreciation of previous capital expenditures, and are expected to be in the same range in the next few years. Costs for remediation have been accrued and payments related to sites are charged against accrued liabilities, which totaled \$20.5 million and \$20.0 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024. See Note 15, "Commitments and Contingencies" to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report for a reconciliation of our environmental liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023.

We believe that any sum we may be required to pay in connection with environmental remediation and asset retirement obligation matters in excess of the amounts recorded should occur over a period of time and should not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows on a consolidated annual basis, although any such sum could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows in a particular quarterly reporting period.

Capital expenditures for pollution-abatement and safety projects, including such costs that are included in other projects, were approximately \$54.6 million, \$54.4 million and \$116.7 million during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. In the future, capital expenditures for these types of projects may increase due to more stringent environmental regulatory requirements and our efforts in reaching sustainability goals. Management's estimates of the effects of compliance with governmental pollution-abatement and safety regulations are subject to (a) the possibility of changes in the applicable statutes and regulations or in judicial or administrative construction of such statutes and regulations and (b) uncertainty as to whether anticipated solutions to pollution problems will be successful, or whether additional expenditures may prove necessary.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" to our consolidated financial statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this report for a discussion of our Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

The primary currencies to which we have foreign currency exchange rate exposure are the Chinese Renminbi, Euro and Australian Dollar. In response to greater fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates in recent periods, we have increased the degree of exposure risk management activities to minimize the potential impact on earnings.

We manage our foreign currency exposures by balancing certain assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and through the use, from time to time, of foreign currency forward contracts. The principal objective of such contracts is to minimize the financial impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The counterparties to these contractual agreements are major financial institutions with which we generally have other financial relationships. We are exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by these counterparties. However, we do not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparties. We do not utilize financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes.

The primary method we use to reduce foreign currency exposure is to identify natural hedges, in which the operating activities denominated in respective currencies across various subsidiaries balance in respect to timing and the underlying exposures. In the event a natural hedge is not available, we may employ a forward contract to reduce exposure, generally expiring within one year. While these contracts are subject to fluctuations in value, such fluctuations are intended to offset the changes in the value of the underlying exposures being hedged. In the fourth quarter of 2019, we entered into a foreign currency forward contract to hedge the cash flow exposure of non-functional currency purchases during the construction of the Kemerton plant in Australia. This contract has been designated as an effective hedging instrument. As a result of the actions taken at Kemerton Trains 3 and 4 during 2024, the Company dedesignated the remaining hedged foreign currency forward contracts. The Company recorded a loss in Other income, net of \$26.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 from the reclassification of the hedged balance from Accumulated other comprehensive loss. The balance of the settled hedged foreign

currency forward contracts associated with the construction of Kemerton Trains 1 and 2 assets placed in service will be reclassified to earnings over the life of the related assets. All other gains and losses on foreign currency forward contracts not designated as an effective hedging instrument are recognized in Other income, net, and generally do not have a significant impact on results of operations.

At December 31, 2025, our financial instruments subject to foreign currency exchange risk primarily consisted of foreign currency forward contracts with an aggregate notional value of \$2.4 billion and with a fair value representing a net liability position of \$2.6 million. Fluctuations in the value of these contracts are intended to offset the changes in the value of the underlying exposures being hedged. We conducted a sensitivity analysis on the fair value of our foreign currency hedge portfolio assuming an instantaneous 10% change in select foreign currency exchange rates from their levels as of December 31, 2025, with all other variables held constant. A 10% appreciation of the U.S. Dollar against foreign currencies that we hedge would result in an increase of approximately \$105.4 million in the fair value of our foreign currency forward contracts. A 10% depreciation of the U.S. Dollar against these foreign currencies would result in a decrease of approximately \$105.7 million in the fair value of our foreign currency forward contracts. The sensitivity of the fair value of our foreign currency hedge portfolio represents changes in fair values estimated based on market conditions as of December 31, 2025, without reflecting the effects of underlying anticipated transactions. When those anticipated transactions are realized, actual effects of changing foreign currency exchange rates could have a material impact on our earnings and cash flows in future periods.

We are exposed to changes in interest rates that could impact our results of operations and financial condition. We manage global interest rate and foreign exchange exposure as part of our regular operational and financing strategies. We had variable interest rate borrowings of \$17.9 million and \$27.5 million outstanding at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. These borrowings represented 1% of total outstanding debt and bore average interest rates of 1.40% and 0.33% at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. A hypothetical 100 basis point increase in the average interest rate applicable to these borrowings would change our annualized interest expense by approximately \$0.2 million as of December 31, 2025. We may enter into interest rate swaps, collars or similar instruments with the objective of reducing interest rate volatility relating to our borrowing costs.

Our raw materials are subject to price volatility caused by weather, supply and demand conditions, political and economic variables and other unpredictable factors. Historically, we have not used futures, options or swap contracts to manage the volatility related to the above exposures. However, the refinery catalysts business has used financing arrangements to provide long-term protection against changes in natural gas and metals prices. We seek to limit our exposure by entering into long-term contracts when available, and we seek price increase limitations through contracts. These contracts do not have a significant impact on our results of operations.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of assets; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with management's and our directors' authorizations; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025. In making this assessment, management used the criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in the *Internal Control—Integrated Framework 2013* set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on the assessment, management concluded that, as of December 31, 2025, our internal control over financial reporting was effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The concept of reasonable assurance is based on the recognition that there are inherent limitations in all systems of internal control. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included herein.

/s/ J. KENT MASTERS

J. Kent Masters
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)
February 11, 2026

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Albemarle Corporation

Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Albemarle Corporation and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related consolidated statements of (loss) income, of comprehensive (loss) income, of changes in equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2025, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2025 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

Basis for Opinions

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company's consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Interim and Annual Goodwill Impairment Assessments – Energy Storage Reporting Unit

As described in Notes 1 and 10 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's goodwill balance was \$1,499.7 million as of December 31, 2025, and the goodwill associated with the Energy Storage reporting unit was \$1,467.0 million.

Management tests the Company's recorded goodwill for impairment in the fourth quarter of each year or upon the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the Company's reporting units below their carrying amounts. Management performed the annual goodwill impairment test by comparing the estimated fair value of the reporting unit to the related carrying value. Management estimated the fair value using a discounted cash flow model (income) approach. For the Energy Storage reporting unit, the revenue growth rates and adjusted earnings before interest and financing expenses, income tax expenses, and depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") margins were deemed by management to be significant assumptions.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the annual goodwill impairment assessment of the Energy Storage reporting unit is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management when developing the fair value estimate of the Energy Storage reporting unit and (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures and evaluating management's significant assumptions related to revenue growth rates and adjusted EBITDA margins.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's goodwill impairment assessment, including controls over the valuation of the Energy Storage reporting unit. These procedures also included, among others (i) testing management's process for developing the fair value estimate of the Energy Storage reporting unit; (ii) evaluating the appropriateness of the income approach used by management; (iii) testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data used in the income approach; and (iv) evaluating the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used by management related to revenue growth rates and adjusted EBITDA margins. Evaluating management's assumptions related to revenue growth rates and adjusted EBITDA margins involved evaluating whether the assumptions used by management were reasonable considering (i) the current and past performance of the Energy Storage reporting unit; (ii) the consistency with external market and industry data; and (iii) whether the assumptions were consistent with evidence obtained in other areas of the audit.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Charlotte, North Carolina
February 11, 2026

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1994.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF (LOSS) INCOME

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

Year Ended December 31	2025	2024	2023
Net sales	\$ 5,142,733	\$ 5,377,526	\$ 9,617,203
Cost of goods sold ^(a)	4,474,014	5,314,987	8,431,294
Gross profit	668,719	62,539	1,185,909
Selling, general and administrative expenses	550,036	618,048	910,002
Goodwill impairment charges	181,070	—	—
Long-lived asset impairment charges	245,600	—	—
Restructuring charges and asset write-offs	7,699	1,134,316	9,491
Research and development expenses	51,398	86,720	85,725
Gain on change in interest in properties/sale of business, net	—	—	(71,190)
Operating (loss) profit	(367,084)	(1,776,545)	251,881
Interest and financing expenses	(207,651)	(165,619)	(116,072)
Other income, net	22,662	178,339	110,929
(Loss) income before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	(552,073)	(1,763,825)	246,738
Income tax expense	156,881	87,085	430,277
Loss before equity in net income of unconsolidated investments	(708,954)	(1,850,910)	(183,539)
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax)	243,744	715,433	1,854,082
Net (loss) income	(465,210)	(1,135,477)	1,670,543
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(45,418)	(43,972)	(97,067)
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	(510,628)	(1,179,449)	1,573,476
Mandatory convertible preferred stock dividends	(166,750)	(136,647)	—
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation common shareholders	\$ (677,378)	\$ (1,316,096)	\$ 1,573,476
Basic (loss) earnings per share attributable to common shareholders	\$ (5.76)	\$ (11.20)	\$ 13.41
Diluted (loss) earnings per share attributable to common shareholders	\$ (5.76)	\$ (11.20)	\$ 13.36
Weighted-average common shares outstanding—basic	117,664	117,516	117,317
Weighted-average common shares outstanding—diluted	117,664	117,516	117,766

(a) Included purchases from related unconsolidated affiliates of \$534.0 million, \$1.7 billion and \$2.3 billion for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

(In Thousands)

Year Ended December 31	2025	2024	2023
Net (loss) income	\$ (465,210)	\$ (1,135,477)	\$ 1,670,543
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation and other	407,873	(210,534)	26,403
Cash flow hedge	(428)	(2,935)	5,851
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	407,445	(213,469)	32,254
Comprehensive (loss) income	(57,765)	(1,348,946)	1,702,797
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(45,608)	(44,039)	(97,185)
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	<u>\$ (103,373)</u>	<u>\$ (1,392,985)</u>	<u>\$ 1,605,612</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Albemarle Corporation and Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousands)

December 31	2025	2024
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,618,001	\$ 1,192,230
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for credit losses (2025—\$4,578; 2024—\$5,201)	593,502	742,201
Other accounts receivable	105,110	238,384
Inventories	1,179,271	1,502,531
Other current assets	140,440	166,916
Current assets held for sale	371,815	—
Total current assets	4,008,139	3,842,262
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	11,768,840	12,523,368
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	3,156,429	3,191,898
Net property, plant and equipment	8,612,411	9,331,470
Investments	900,926	1,117,739
Other assets	647,185	504,711
Goodwill	1,499,657	1,582,714
Other intangibles, net of amortization	214,233	230,753
Noncurrent assets held for sale	491,660	—
Total assets	<u>\$ 16,374,211</u>	<u>\$ 16,609,649</u>
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable to third parties	\$ 779,160	\$ 793,455
Accounts payable to related parties	134,369	150,432
Accrued expenses	521,831	467,997
Current portion of long-term debt	74,077	398,023
Dividends payable	61,387	61,282
Income taxes payable	35,467	95,275
Current liabilities held for sale	191,753	—
Total current liabilities	1,798,044	1,966,464
Long-term debt	3,119,464	3,118,142
Postretirement benefits	44,744	31,930
Pension benefits	117,361	116,192
Other noncurrent liabilities	1,084,892	819,204
Deferred income taxes	368,275	358,029
Noncurrent liabilities held for sale	59,970	—
Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)		
Equity:		
Albemarle Corporation shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value (authorized 275,000 shares), issued and outstanding — 117,716 in 2025 and 117,560 in 2024	1,178	1,176
Mandatory convertible preferred stock, Series A, no par value, \$1,000 stated value, authorized - 15,000, issued and outstanding - 2,300 in 2025 and 2024	2,235,105	2,235,105
Additional paid-in capital	3,018,213	2,985,606
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(334,807)	(742,062)
Retained earnings	4,613,676	5,481,692
Total Albemarle Corporation shareholders' equity	9,533,365	9,961,517
Noncontrolling interests	248,096	238,171
Total equity	9,781,461	10,199,688
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$ 16,374,211</u>	<u>\$ 16,609,649</u>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(In Thousands, Except Share Data)

	Common Stock		Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total Albemarle Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares	Amounts	Shares	Amounts						
Balance at January 1, 2023	117,168,366	\$ 1,172	—	\$ —	\$2,940,840	\$(560,662)	\$5,601,277	\$7,982,627	\$ 208,220	\$ 8,190,847
Net income							1,573,476	1,573,476	97,067	1,670,543
Other comprehensive income						32,136		32,136	118	32,254
Common stock dividends declared, \$1.60 per common share							(187,738)	(187,738)	(52,486)	(240,224)
Stock-based compensation					38,957			38,957		38,957
Exercise of stock options	3,124	—			190			190		190
Issuance of common stock, net	298,781	3			(3)			—		—
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(114,001)	(1)			(27,467)			(27,468)		(27,468)
Balance at December 31, 2023	117,356,270	\$ 1,174	—	\$ —	\$2,952,517	\$(528,526)	\$6,987,015	\$9,412,180	\$ 252,919	\$ 9,665,099
Net (loss) income							(1,179,449)	(1,179,449)	43,972	(1,135,477)
Other comprehensive (loss) income						(213,536)		(213,536)	67	(213,469)
Common stock dividends declared, \$1.61 per common share							(189,227)	(189,227)	(55,363)	(244,590)
Mandatory convertible preferred stock cumulative dividends							(136,647)	(136,647)		(136,647)
Stock-based compensation					33,062			33,062		33,062
Exercise of stock options	6,570	—			374			374		374
Issuance of common stock, net	300,877	3			11,543			11,546		11,546
Issuance of mandatory convertible preferred stock, net			2,300,000	2,235,105				2,235,105		2,235,105
Sale of noncontrolling interest					—			—	(3,424)	(3,424)
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(103,943)	(1)			(11,890)			(11,891)		(11,891)
Balance at December 31, 2024	117,559,774	\$ 1,176	2,300,000	\$2,235,105	\$2,985,606	\$(742,062)	\$5,481,692	\$9,961,517	\$ 238,171	\$10,199,688
Net (loss) income							(510,628)	(510,628)	45,418	(465,210)
Other comprehensive income						407,255		407,255	190	407,445
Common stock dividends declared, \$1.62 per common share							(190,638)	(190,638)	(37,463)	(228,101)
Mandatory convertible preferred stock cumulative dividends							(166,750)	(166,750)		(166,750)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(In Thousands, Except Share Data)

	Common Stock		Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total Albemarle Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares	Amounts	Shares	Amounts						
Stock-based compensation					36,627			36,627		36,627
Exercise of stock options	48,104	—			3,240			3,240		3,240
Issuance of common stock, net	150,677	2			(2)			—		—
Change in ownership interest of noncontrolling interest								—	1,780	1,780
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(42,680)	—			(7,258)			(7,258)		(7,258)
Balance at December 31, 2025	117,715,875	\$ 1,178	2,300,000	\$2,235,105	\$3,018,213	\$(334,807)	\$4,613,676	\$9,533,365	\$ 248,096	\$ 9,781,461

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS*(In Thousands)*

Year Ended December 31	2025	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$ 1,192,230	\$ 889,900	\$ 1,499,142
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net (loss) income	(465,210)	(1,135,477)	1,670,543
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	658,678	588,638	429,944
Non-cash goodwill impairment charges	181,070	—	—
Non-cash long-lived asset impairment charges	245,600	—	—
Non-cash restructuring and asset write-offs	—	1,013,444	—
Gain on change in interest in properties/sale of business, net	—	—	(71,190)
Stock-based compensation and other	40,271	32,141	36,545
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax)	(243,744)	(715,433)	(1,854,082)
Dividends received from unconsolidated investments and nonmarketable securities	93,739	358,933	2,000,862
Pension and postretirement expense (benefit)	23,377	(5,274)	(1,658)
Pension and postretirement contributions	(20,441)	(19,379)	(17,866)
Realized loss on investments in marketable securities	—	33,746	—
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments in marketable securities	(14,088)	30,073	39,864
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	7,471	—	—
Deferred income taxes	81,169	(230,406)	100,877
Changes in current assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and divestitures:			
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	47,315	555,218	(350,655)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	212,351	1,055,036	(353,564)
Decrease (increase) in other current assets	4,027	244,987	(171,870)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable to third parties	144,208	(462,839)	(315,220)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable to related parties	(16,063)	(399,398)	31,809
(Decrease) increase in accrued expenses and income taxes payable	(36,753)	(140,099)	253,518
Noncurrent liability changes and other, net	339,290	(116,035)	(101,274)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,282,267	687,876	1,326,583
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	(426,228)
Capital expenditures	(589,801)	(1,680,529)	(2,154,542)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	32,812	29,102	—
Proceeds from sale from investments	290,908	—	—
Proceeds (payments) from settlement of foreign currency forward contracts, net	114,236	(15,595)	221,849
Sales (purchases) of marketable securities, net	6,077	82,520	(204,451)
Investments in equity investments and nonmarketable securities	(239)	(270)	(1,200)
Net cash used in investing activities	(146,007)	(1,584,772)	(2,564,572)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of mandatory convertible preferred stock, net of issuance costs	—	2,236,750	—
Proceeds from borrowings of long-term debt and credit agreements	56,728	112,439	356,047
Repayments of long-term debt and credit agreements	(505,736)	(112,439)	(28,862)
Other (repayments) borrowings, net	(5,657)	(631,834)	617,014
Dividends paid to common shareholders	(190,530)	(188,530)	(187,188)
Dividends paid to mandatory convertible preferred shareholders	(166,750)	(122,746)	—
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(18,169)	(37,194)	(105,631)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3,240	374	190
Withholding taxes paid on stock-based compensation award distributions	(7,258)	(11,891)	(27,468)
Other	(55)	(3,194)	(191)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(834,187)	1,241,735	623,911
Net effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	123,698	(42,509)	4,836
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	425,771	302,330	(609,242)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 1,618,001	\$ 1,192,230	\$ 889,900

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts and operations of Albemarle Corporation and our wholly owned, majority owned and controlled subsidiaries. Unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms “Albemarle,” “we,” “us,” “our” or “the Company” mean Albemarle Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. For entities that we control and are the primary beneficiary, but own less than 100%, we record the minority ownership as noncontrolling interest, except as noted below. We apply the equity method of accounting for investments in which we have an ownership interest from 20% to 50% or where we exercise significant influence over the related investee’s operations. In addition, the consolidated financial statements contained herein include our proportionate share of the results of operations of the MARBL Lithium Joint Venture (“MARBL”), which manages the exploration, development, mining, processing and production of lithium and other minerals from the Wodgina hard rock lithium mine project (“Wodgina”). As described in Note 8, “Investments,” the Company closed on the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with Mineral Resources Limited (“MRL”) on October 18, 2023 to reduce our ownership interest in the MARBL joint venture to 50% from 60%. The consolidated financial statements reflect our ownership percentage of the MARBL joint venture during the periods presented. The joint venture is unincorporated with each investor holding an undivided interest in each asset and proportionately liable for each liability; therefore our proportionate share of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses are included in the appropriate classifications in the consolidated financial statements. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

Estimates, Assumptions and Reclassifications

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) in the United States (“U.S.”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Revision of Previously Issued Financial Information

As previously reported in the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2025, during the second quarter of 2025, the Company identified an error in classification within its condensed consolidated statements of cash flows related to the proceeds from settlement and unrealized gains or losses from foreign currency forward contracts, affecting the cash flows from operating activities section, the cash flows from investing activities section and the Net effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents line of the statements of cash flows. The identified misclassification impacted our previously filed annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, and quarterly financial statements for each of the fiscal quarters of fiscal year 2024 and the first fiscal quarter of fiscal year 2025 (collectively, the “Prior Financial Statements”). In addition, the Company made adjustments to correct for other previously identified immaterial errors. The Company assessed the materiality of the error in accordance with the SEC’s Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) No. 99 and SAB No. 108 and determined that the resulting misclassification was not material in any of the Prior Financial Statements, individually or in the aggregate. This revision had no impact on the consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of income (loss), consolidated statements of comprehensive (loss) income, or consolidated statements of changes in equity of the Prior Financial Statements or notes thereto.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A summary of the revisions to the impacted periods presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are shown below (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2024		
	As Reported	Revision	As Revised
Decrease (increase) in inventories	\$ 1,060,297	\$ (5,261)	\$ 1,055,036
Other, net	(107,104)	(8,931)	(116,035)
Net cash provided by operating activities	702,068	(14,192)	687,876
Capital expenditures	\$ (1,685,790)	\$ 5,261	\$ (1,680,529)
Payments for settlement of foreign currency forward contracts, net	—	(15,595)	(15,595)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,574,438)	(10,334)	(1,584,772)
Net effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	\$ (67,035)	\$ 24,526	\$ (42,509)

	Year Ended December 31, 2023		
	As Reported	Revision	As Revised
Decrease (increase) in inventories	\$ (358,825)	\$ 5,261	\$ (353,564)
Other, net	(97,275)	(3,999)	(101,274)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,325,321	1,262	1,326,583
Capital expenditures	\$ (2,149,281)	\$ (5,261)	\$ (2,154,542)
Proceeds from settlement of foreign currency forward contracts, net	—	221,849	221,849
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,781,160)	216,588	(2,564,572)
Net effect of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	\$ 222,686	\$ (217,850)	\$ 4,836

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration we expect to receive in exchange for transferring goods and is recognized when performance obligations are satisfied under the terms of contracts with our customers. A performance obligation is deemed to be satisfied when control of the product is transferred to our customer. The transaction price of a contract, or the amount we expect to receive upon satisfaction of all performance obligations, is determined by reference to the contract's terms and includes adjustments, if applicable, for any variable consideration, such as customer rebates, noncash consideration or consideration payable to the customer, although these adjustments are generally not material. Where a contract contains more than one distinct performance obligation, the transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation based on the standalone selling price of each performance obligation, although these situations are rare and are generally not built into our contracts. Any unsatisfied performance obligations are not material. Standalone selling prices are based on prices we charge to our customers, which in some cases are based on established market prices. Sales and other similar taxes collected from customers on behalf of third parties are excluded from revenue. Our payment terms are generally between 15 to 90 days, however, they vary by market factors, such as customer size, creditworthiness, geography and competitive environment.

All of our revenue is derived from contracts with customers, and almost all of our contracts with customers contain one performance obligation for the transfer of goods where such performance obligation is satisfied at a point in time. Control of a product is deemed to be transferred to the customer upon shipment or delivery. Significant portions of our sales are sold free on board shipping point or on an equivalent basis, while delivery terms of other transactions are based upon specific contractual arrangements. Our standard terms of delivery are generally included in our contracts of sale, order confirmation documents and invoices, while the timing between shipment and delivery generally ranges between 1 and 45 days. Costs for shipping and handling activities, whether performed before or after the customer obtains control of the goods, are accounted for as fulfillment costs. Such costs are immaterial.

The Company currently utilizes the following practical expedients, as permitted by Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*:

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- All sales and other pass-through taxes are excluded from contract value;
- In utilizing the modified retrospective transition method, no adjustment was necessary for contracts that did not cross over the reporting year;
- We will not consider the possibility of a contract having a significant financing component (which would effectively attribute a portion of the sales price to interest income) unless, if at contract inception, the expected payment terms (from time of delivery or other relevant criterion) are more than one year;
- If our right to customer payment is directly related to the value of our completed performance, we recognize revenue consistent with the invoicing right; and
- We expense as incurred all costs of obtaining a contract incremental to any costs/compensation attributable to individual product sales/shipments for contracts where the amortization period for such costs would otherwise be one year or less.

Costs incurred to obtain contracts with customers are not significant and are expensed immediately as the amortization period would be one year or less. When the Company incurs pre-production or other fulfillment costs in connection with an existing or specific anticipated contract and such costs are recoverable through margin or explicitly reimbursable, such costs are capitalized and amortized to Cost of goods sold on a systematic basis that is consistent with the pattern of transfer to the customer of the goods or services to which the asset relates, which is less than one year. We record bad debt expense in specific situations when we determine the customer is unable to meet its financial obligation.

Included in Trade accounts receivable at December 31, 2025 and 2024 is approximately \$538.5 million and \$705.8 million, respectively, arising from contracts with customers. The remaining balance of Trade accounts receivable at December 31, 2025 and 2024 primarily includes value-added taxes collected from customers on behalf of various taxing authorities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and money market investments with insignificant interest rate risks and no limitations on access.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at lower of cost and net realizable value with cost determined using standard cost, which approximates the first-in, first-out basis. Cost is determined on the weighted-average basis for a small portion of our inventories at foreign plants and our stores, supplies and other inventory. A portion of our domestic produced finished goods and raw materials are determined on the last-in, first-out basis.

The Company eliminates the balance of intra-entity profits on purchases of inventory from its equity method investments that remains unsold at the balance sheet in Inventories, specifically finished goods and equally reduces Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax) on the consolidated statements of (loss) income. The intra-entity profit is recognized in Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax) in the period that converted inventory is sold to a third-party customer. In the same period, the intra-entity profit is also recognized as higher Cost of goods sold on the consolidated statements of (loss) income.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment include costs of assets constructed, purchased or leased under a finance lease, related delivery and installation costs and interest incurred on significant capital projects during their construction periods. Expenditures for renewals and betterments also are capitalized, but expenditures for normal repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Costs associated with yearly planned major maintenance are generally deferred and amortized over 12 months or until the same major maintenance activities must be repeated, whichever is shorter. The cost and accumulated depreciation applicable to assets retired or sold are removed from the respective accounts, and gains or losses thereon are included in income.

The Company assigns the useful lives of its property, plant and equipment based upon internal engineering estimates, which are reviewed periodically. The estimated useful lives of our property, plant and equipment range from two to sixty years and depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method, with the exception of our mineral rights and reserves, which are depleted on a units-of-production method.

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The Company evaluates the recovery of our property, plant and equipment annually and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. Events that may trigger a test for recoverability include, but are not limited to, significant adverse changes to projected revenues, costs, or capital plans or changes to government regulations that may adversely impact our current or future operations. An impairment is determined to exist if the total projected future cash flows on an undiscounted basis are not recoverable or are less than the carrying amount of a long-lived asset group. We estimate future cash flows based on numerous assumptions, which are consistent or reasonable in relation to internal budgets and projections, and actual future cash flows may be significantly different than the estimates. Significant estimates used include, but are not limited to, market pricing (including lithium index pricing), customer demand, operating and production costs, and the timing and capital costs of expansion and sustaining projects. Significant management judgment is involved in estimating these variables and they include inherent uncertainties since they are forecasting future events.

In addition, when assets meet the criteria to be classified as held for sale, the related disposal group is measured at the lower of their carrying amount or their fair value less costs to sell. If the fair value of the disposal group is determined to be lower than the carrying value, the Company would record a non-cash impairment charge in the period the disposal group met the criteria to be classified as held for sale. See Note 2, "Divestitures," for further details of the long-lived asset impairment charge recorded in the year ended December 31, 2025.

Leases

We determine if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Right-of-use ("ROU") assets represent our right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent our obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As an implicit rate for most of our leases is not determinable, we use our incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The lease payments for the initial measurement of lease ROU assets and lease liabilities include fixed and variable payments based on an index or a rate. Variable lease payments that are not index or rate based are recorded as expenses when incurred. Our variable lease payments typically include real estate taxes, insurance costs and common-area maintenance. The operating lease ROU asset also includes any lease payments made, net of lease incentives. The lease term is the non-cancelable period of the lease, including any options to extend, purchase or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that we will exercise that option. We amortize the operating lease ROU assets on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease and the finance lease ROU assets on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease terms. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet, and we recognize lease expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Additionally, we have made accounting policy elections such as exclusion of short-term leases (leases with a term of 12 months or less and which do not include a purchase option that we are reasonably certain to exercise) from the balance sheet presentation, use of portfolio approach in determination of discount rate and accounting for non-lease components in a contract as part of a single lease component for all asset classes, except specific mining operation equipment.

Resource Development Expenses

We incur costs in resource exploration, evaluation and development during the different phases of our resource development projects. Exploration costs incurred before the declaration of proven and probable resources are generally expensed as incurred. After proven and probable resources are declared, exploration, evaluation and development costs necessary to bring the property to commercial capacity or increase the capacity or useful life are capitalized. Any costs to maintain the production capacity in a property under production are expensed as incurred.

Capitalized resource costs are depleted using the units-of-production method. Our resource development assets are evaluated for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

Investments

Investments are accounted for using the equity method of accounting if the investment gives us the ability to exercise significant influence, but not control, over the investee. Significant influence is generally deemed to exist if we have an ownership interest in the voting stock of the investee between 20% and 50%, although other factors, such as representation on the investee's board of directors and the impact of commercial arrangements, are considered in determining whether the equity method of accounting is appropriate. Under the equity method of accounting, we record our investments in equity-method investees in the consolidated balance sheets as Investments and our share of investees' earnings or losses together with other-than-temporary impairments in value as Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments in the consolidated statements of (loss) income. We evaluate our equity method investments for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances

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indicate that the carrying amounts of such investments may be impaired. If a decline in the value of an equity method investment is determined to be other than temporary, a loss is recorded in earnings in the current period.

Certain investments in equity securities and mutual fund investments are accounted for as trading equities and are marked-to-market on a periodic basis through the consolidated statements of (loss) income. Investments in joint ventures and nonmarketable securities of immaterial entities are estimated based upon the overall performance of the entity where financial results are not available on a timely basis.

Environmental Compliance and Remediation

Environmental compliance costs include the cost of purchasing and/or constructing assets to prevent, limit and/or control pollution or to monitor the environmental status at various locations. These costs are capitalized and depreciated based on estimated useful lives. Environmental compliance costs also include maintenance and operating costs with respect to pollution prevention and control facilities and other administrative costs. Such operating costs are expensed as incurred. Environmental remediation costs of facilities used in current operations are generally immaterial and are expensed as incurred. We accrue for environmental remediation costs and post-remediation costs that relate to existing conditions caused by past operations at facilities or off-plant disposal sites in the accounting period in which responsibility is established and when the related liability is considered probable and estimable. In developing these cost estimates, we evaluate currently available facts regarding each site, with consideration given to existing technology, presently enacted laws and regulations, prior experience in remediation of contaminated sites, the financial capability of other potentially responsible parties and other factors, subject to uncertainties inherent in the estimation process. If the amount and timing of the cash payments for a site are fixed or reliably determinable, the liability is discounted, if the calculated discount is material. Additionally, these estimates are reviewed periodically, with adjustments to the accruals recorded as necessary.

Research and Development Expenses

Our research and development expenses related to present and future products are expensed as incurred. These expenses consist primarily of personnel-related costs and other overheads, as well as outside service and consulting costs incurred for specific programs. Our U.S. facilities in Texas and Louisiana and our global facilities in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and Korea form the capability base for our contract research and custom manufacturing businesses. These business areas provide research and scale-up services primarily to innovative life science companies.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

We account for goodwill and other intangibles acquired in a business combination in conformity with current accounting guidance that requires that goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets not be amortized.

We test goodwill for impairment by comparing the estimated fair value of our reporting units to the related carrying value. Our reporting units are either our operating business segments or one level below our operating business segments for which discrete financial information is available and for which operating results are regularly reviewed by the business management. In applying the goodwill impairment test, the Company initially performs a qualitative test ("Step 0"), where it first assesses qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of any reporting unit is less than its carrying value. Qualitative factors may include, but are not limited to, economic conditions, industry and market considerations, cost factors, overall financial performance of the reporting units and other entity and reporting unit specific events. If after assessing these qualitative factors, the Company determines it is "more-likely-than-not" that the fair value of the reporting unit is less than the carrying value, the Company performs a quantitative test ("Step 1"). During Step 1, the Company estimates the fair value using either a discounted cash flow model (income) approach or a combination of the discounted cash flow model (income) approach and earnings multiple (market) approach (placing equal weighting on the income and market approaches). The income approach determines fair value based on discounted cash flow model derived from a reporting unit's long-term forecasted cash flows. The market approach determines fair value based on a review of observable prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving comparable assets, liabilities or businesses. Future cash flows for all reporting units include assumptions about revenue growth rates, adjusted EBITDA margins, discount rate as well as other economic or industry-related factors. The Company defines adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest and financing expenses, income tax expenses, the proportionate share of Windfield income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted on a consistent basis for certain non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items on a segment basis. For the Energy Storage reporting unit, the revenue growth rates and adjusted EBITDA margins were deemed to be significant assumptions. Significant management judgment is involved in estimating these variables and they include inherent uncertainties, particularly regarding future market conditions and cost fluctuations. Any adverse changes in these assumptions, such as a decline in demand, increased competition or rising costs could negatively impact the fair value of the reporting units, since they are forecasting future events. The Company tests its recorded goodwill for impairment in the fourth quarter of each year or upon

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the occurrence of events or changes in circumstances that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of its reporting units below their carrying amounts.

During the third quarter of 2025, the Company made significant progress on the potential divestiture of the Refining Solutions reporting unit. The progression of related discussions indicated it was more likely than not that the fair value of the Refining Solutions reporting unit was less than its carrying value as of September 30, 2025. Accordingly, the Company performed an interim goodwill impairment test as of that date. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the Company entered into definitive agreements on October 23, 2025 and October 25, 2025 to divest its 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A., a joint venture within the Refining Solutions reporting unit, and to divest the controlling ownership interest in the remaining Refining Solutions business, respectively (see Note 2, "Divestitures," for further details). The agreed upon transaction prices in these agreements corroborate the conclusion reached in the interim impairment analysis that the carrying value of the Refining Solutions reporting unit exceeded its fair value as of September 30, 2025. As a result, the Company recorded a \$181.1 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge, representing the full value of goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit within the Ketjen segment.

The Company performed its annual goodwill impairment test as of October 31, 2025. No evidence of impairment was noted for the reporting units with goodwill balances from the analysis.

The Company assesses its indefinite-lived intangible assets, which include trade names and trademarks, for impairment annually and between annual tests if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it is more likely than not that the asset is impaired. The indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment standard allows the Company to first assess qualitative factors to determine if a quantitative impairment test is necessary. Further testing is only required if we determine, based on the qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible asset's fair value is less than its carrying amount. If we determine based on the qualitative assessment that it is more likely than not that the asset is impaired, an impairment test is performed by comparing the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset to its carrying amount. During the year ended December 31, 2025, no evidence of impairment was noted from the analysis for the Company's indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Definite-lived intangible assets, such as purchased technology, patents and customer lists, are amortized over their estimated useful lives generally for periods ranging from five to twenty-five years. Except for customer lists and relationships associated with the majority of our Energy Storage business, which are amortized using the pattern of economic benefit method, definite-lived intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method. We evaluate the recovery of our definite-lived intangible assets by comparing the net carrying value of the asset group to the undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated from the use and eventual disposition of that asset group when events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. If the carrying amount of the asset group is not recoverable, the fair value of the asset group is measured and if the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized. See Note 10, "Goodwill and Other Intangibles."

Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits

Under authoritative accounting standards, assumptions are made regarding the valuation of benefit obligations and the performance of plan assets. As required, we recognize a balance sheet asset or liability for each of our pension and other postretirement benefit ("OPEB") plans equal to the plan's funded status as of the measurement date. The primary assumptions are as follows:

- **Discount Rate**—The discount rate is used in calculating the present value of benefits, which is based on projections of benefit payments to be made in the future.
- **Expected Return on Plan Assets**—We project the future return on plan assets based on prior performance and future expectations for the types of investments held by the plans, as well as the expected long-term allocation of plan assets for these investments. These projected returns reduce the net benefit costs recorded currently.
- **Rate of Compensation Increase**—For salary-related plans, we project employees' annual pay increases, which are used to project employees' pension benefits at retirement.
- **Mortality Assumptions**—Assumptions about life expectancy of plan participants are used in the measurement of related plan obligations.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognized annually in our consolidated statements of (loss) income in the fourth quarter and whenever a plan is determined to qualify for a remeasurement during a fiscal year. The remaining components of pension and OPEB plan expense, primarily service cost, interest cost and expected return on assets, are recorded on a monthly basis. The market-related value of assets equals the actual market value as of the date of measurement.

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During 2025, we made changes to assumptions related to discount rates and expected rates of return on plan assets. We consider available information that we deem relevant when selecting each of these assumptions.

In selecting the discount rates for the U.S. plans, we consider expected benefit payments on a plan-by-plan basis. As a result, the Company uses different discount rates for each plan depending on the demographics of participants and the expected timing of benefit payments. For 2025, the discount rates were calculated using the results from a bond matching technique developed by Milliman, which matched the future estimated annual benefit payments of each respective plan against a portfolio of bonds of high quality to determine the discount rate. We believe our selected discount rates are determined using preferred methodology under authoritative accounting guidance and accurately reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date.

In selecting the discount rates for the foreign plans, we look at long-term yields on AA-rated corporate bonds when available. Our actuaries have developed yield curves based on the yields on the constituent bonds in the various indices as well as on other market indicators such as swap rates, particularly at the longer durations. For the Eurozone, we apply the Aon Hewitt yield curve to projected cash flows from the relevant plans to derive the discount rate. For the United Kingdom ("U.K."), the discount rate is determined by applying the Aon Hewitt yield curve for typical schemes of similar duration to projected cash flows of Albemarle's U.K. plan. In other countries where there is not a sufficiently deep market of high-quality corporate bonds, we set the discount rate by referencing the yield on government bonds of an appropriate duration.

In estimating the expected return on plan assets, we consider past performance and future expectations for the types of investments held by the plan as well as the expected long-term allocation of plan assets to these investments. In projecting the rate of compensation increase, we consider past experience in light of movements in inflation rates.

For the purpose of measuring our U.S. pension and OPEB obligations at December 31, 2025 and 2024, we used the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables along with the MP-2021 Mortality Improvement Scale, respectively, published by the SOA.

Stock-based Compensation Expense

The fair value of restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards and performance unit awards with a service condition are determined based on the number of shares or units granted and the quoted price of our common stock on the date of grant, and the fair value of stock options is determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The fair value of performance unit awards with a service condition and a market condition are estimated on the date of grant using a Monte Carlo simulation model. The fair value of these awards is determined after giving effect to estimated forfeitures. Such value is recognized as expense over the service period, which is generally the vesting period of the equity grant. To the extent restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards, performance unit awards and stock options are forfeited prior to vesting in excess of the estimated forfeiture rate, the corresponding previously recognized expense is reversed as an offset to operating expenses.

Income Taxes

We use the liability method for determining our income taxes, under which current and deferred tax liabilities and assets are recorded in accordance with enacted tax laws and rates. Under this method, the amounts of deferred tax liabilities and assets at the end of each period are determined using the tax rate expected to be in effect when taxes are actually paid or recovered. Future tax benefits are recognized to the extent that realization of such benefits is more likely than not. The Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet, along with any related valuation allowance. Tax effects are released from Accumulated other comprehensive loss using either the specific identification approach or the portfolio approach based on the nature of the underlying item.

Deferred income taxes are provided for the estimated income tax effect of temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of existing assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets are also provided for operating losses, capital losses and certain tax credit carryovers. A valuation allowance, reducing deferred tax assets, is established when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The realization of such deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of sufficient future taxable income of the appropriate character. Although realization is not assured, we do not establish a valuation allowance when we believe it is more likely than not that a net deferred tax asset will be realized. The Company elected to not consider the estimated impact of potential future Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax liabilities for purposes of assessing valuation allowances on its deferred tax balances.

We only recognize a tax benefit after concluding that it is more likely than not that the benefit will be sustained upon audit by the respective taxing authority based solely on the technical merits of the associated tax position. Once the recognition threshold is met, we recognize a tax benefit measured as the largest amount of the tax benefit that, in our judgment, is greater

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than 50% likely to be realized. Under current accounting guidance for uncertain tax positions, interest and penalties related to income tax liabilities are included in Income tax expense on the consolidated statements of (loss) income.

We have designated the undistributed earnings of a portion of our foreign operations as indefinitely reinvested and as a result we do not provide for deferred income taxes on the unremitted earnings of these subsidiaries. Our foreign earnings are computed under U.S. federal tax earnings and profits, or E&P, principles. In general, to the extent our financial reporting book basis over tax basis of a foreign subsidiary exceeds these E&P amounts, deferred taxes have not been provided as they are essentially permanent in duration. The determination of the amount of such unrecognized deferred tax liability is not practicable. We provide for deferred income taxes on our undistributed earnings of foreign operations that are not deemed to be indefinitely invested. We will continue to evaluate our permanent investment assertion taking into consideration all relevant and current tax laws.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss comprises principally foreign currency translation adjustments, gains or losses on foreign currency cash flow hedges designated as effective hedging instruments and deferred income taxes related to the aforementioned items.

Foreign Currency Translation

The assets and liabilities of all foreign subsidiaries were prepared in their respective functional currencies and translated into U.S. Dollars based on the current exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet dates, while income and expenses were translated at average exchange rates for the periods presented. Translation adjustments are reflected as a separate component of equity.

Foreign exchange transaction and revaluation (losses) gains were (\$18.9) million, \$67.5 million and \$39.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and are included in Other income, net, in our consolidated statements of (loss) income, with the unrealized portion included in Noncurrent liability changes and other, net, in our consolidated statements of cash flows.

Derivative Financial Instruments

We manage our foreign currency exposures by balancing certain assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and through the use of foreign currency forward contracts from time to time, which generally expire within one year. The principal objective of such contracts is to minimize the financial impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. While these contracts are subject to fluctuations in value, such fluctuations are generally expected to be offset by changes in the value of the underlying foreign currency exposures being hedged. Gains or losses under foreign currency forward contracts that have been designated as an effective hedging instrument under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* will be recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive loss beginning on the date of designation. All other gains and losses on foreign currency forward contracts not designated as an effective hedging instrument are recognized currently in Other income, net, and generally do not have a significant impact on results of operations.

We may also enter into interest rate swaps, collars or similar instruments from time to time, with the objective of reducing interest rate volatility relating to our borrowing costs.

The counterparties to these contractual agreements are major financial institutions with which we generally have other financial relationships. We are exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by these counterparties. However, we do not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparties. We do not utilize financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes. In the fourth quarter of 2019, we entered into a foreign currency forward contract to hedge the cash flow exposure of non-functional currency purchases during the construction of the Kemerton plant in Australia and designated it as an effective hedging instrument under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. As a result of the actions taken at Kemerton Trains 3 and 4 during 2024, the Company dedesignated the remaining hedged foreign currency forward contracts. The Company recorded a loss in Other income, net of \$26.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 from the reclassification of the hedged balance from Accumulated other comprehensive loss. The balance of the settled hedged foreign currency forward contracts associated with the construction of Kemerton Trains 1 and 2 assets that had been placed into service will be reclassified to earnings over the life of the related assets. All other foreign currency forward contracts outstanding at December 31, 2025 and 2024 have not been designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*.

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Recently Issued or Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2023, the FASB issued guidance which will require a joint venture to recognize and initially measure its assets, including goodwill, and liabilities using a new basis of accounting upon formation. Initial measurement of a joint venture's total net assets will be equal to the fair value of one hundred percent of the joint venture's equity. In addition, a joint venture will be permitted to apply the measurement period guidance of ASC 805-10 if the initial accounting for the joint venture formation is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the formation occurs. This guidance is effective prospectively for all joint venture formations with a formation date on or after January 1, 2025. The Company currently does not expect this guidance to have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued guidance to update qualitative and quantitative reportable segment disclosure requirements, including enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses and increased interim disclosure requirements, among others. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. The Company has adopted this guidance and provided the required disclosures in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. See Note 25, "Segment and Geographic Area Information," for further details.

In December 2023, the FASB issued guidance to require qualitative and quantitative updates to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid disclosures, among others, in order to enhance the transparency of income tax disclosures, including consistent categories and greater disaggregation of information in the rate reconciliation and disaggregation by jurisdiction of income taxes paid. This Company has adopted this guidance and applied the amendments prospectively for this Annual Report on Form 10-K. See Note 20, "Income Taxes," for further details.

In November 2024, the FASB issued guidance to require tabular disclosures disaggregating certain types of expenses presented on the income statement within continuing operations, as well as disclosures about selling expenses. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027. Early adoption is permitted, and the amendments should be applied prospectively; however, retrospective application is also permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial statement disclosures.

In December 2025, the FASB issued guidance on the recognition, measurement and presentation of government grants received by business entities and amends certain existing disclosure requirements in ASC 832, *Government Assistance*. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2028, and interim periods within those fiscal years. As allowed by its provisions, the Company early-adopted this guidance and applied the amendments on a modified prospective basis for this Annual Report on Form 10-K. See Note 7, "Property, Plant and Equipment," for further details. The adoption of this guidance does not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 2—Divestitures:

Assets Held For Sale

On October 25, 2025, the Company signed a definitive agreement to divest the controlling ownership interest of its Refining Solutions business to ChemCat AcquisitionCo, LLC and contribute the remaining ownership interest to ChemCat Holdings, LP, a newly formed limited partnership ("Holdco"). The Refining Solutions business being divested and contributed is defined as the Company's Ketjen reportable segment, excluding its performance catalysts solutions ("PCS") business and the Company's 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. (which the Company divested in a separate transaction as described below). Following the completion of the transactions contemplated in the definitive agreement (collectively, the "Refining Solutions Business Transaction"), the Company will receive an estimated \$536 million in cash and will own 49% of the common units of Holdco. The Company expects the Refining Solutions Business Transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions.

The Company's ownership interest in Holdco, initially representing a 49% interest, will consist of common units that will be junior to the preferred equity in Holdco held by the other ownership group. The preferred equity will accrue dividends, regardless of whether or not declared, for the first five years after the closing of the Refining Solutions Business Transaction, will be convertible into common equity of Holdco at the option of the holder.

In a separate transaction, on January 23, 2026, the Company completed the previously announced sale its 50% ownership interest in Eurecat S.A., a joint venture included in the Refining Solutions reporting unit, for €105 million (approximately \$123 million using foreign exchange rates on the closing date) in cash, to Axens SA.

The PCS business will continue to be operated by the Company following the completion of these transactions. When the Company determines a reintegration plan for the PCS business, this change in circumstances for the PCS business may indicate

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that the carrying value of PCS's long-lived assets are not recoverable and may constitute a triggering event to test for impairment in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 360. The Company determined that the agreements to divest the Ketjen reportable segment (excluding PCS) did not represent a triggering event to perform an impairment assessment of the PCS assets as of December 31, 2025. However, if a triggering event were to be identified in the future, the Company would perform an impairment assessment, and if an impairment loss is determined to exist, the Company may record a non-cash impairment loss during the period in which the triggering event occurs. As of December 31, 2025, the carrying value of the PCS assets was approximately \$186 million.

During the third quarter of 2025, the Company made significant progress on these divestitures. The progression of related discussions indicated it was more likely than not that the fair value of the Refining Solutions reporting unit was less than its carrying value as of September 30, 2025. Accordingly, the Company performed an interim goodwill impairment test as of that date. As noted above, subsequent to that balance sheet date, the Company entered into these divestiture definitive agreements. The agreed upon transaction prices in these agreements corroborate the conclusion reached in the interim impairment analysis that the carrying value of the Refining Solutions reporting unit exceeded its fair value as of September 30, 2025. As a result, the Company recorded a \$181.1 million non-cash goodwill impairment charge, representing the full value of goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit within the Ketjen segment. This nonrecurring fair value measurement is classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy due to the unobservable inputs used.

In connection with the signed Refining Solutions business divestiture agreement, on October 25, 2025, the Company concluded the Refining Solutions business met the criteria to be classified as held for sale in the Company's consolidated financial statements. As such, the assets and liabilities of this business were included in the current or noncurrent assets held for sale and liabilities held for sale, respectively, in the consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2025. The Eurecat S.A. investment is separate from the Refining Solutions business transaction, and is not classified as held for sale. Upon classification as held for sale, the Refining Solutions business is measured at the lower of its carrying amount or its fair value less costs to sell. Following the non-cash goodwill impairment charge and based on the key terms of the divestiture agreement, the Company recorded a pre-tax \$245.6 million non-cash long-lived asset impairment charge to reduce the carrying amount of the Refining Solutions business to its fair value less costs to sell as of December 31, 2025. The fair value of the Refining Solutions business was measured using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model using key assumptions such as equity volatility, a risk-free rate and certain terms of the agreement. The considerations used are based on current terms, estimates and assumptions and may change as the transactions progress. This nonrecurring fair value measurement is classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy due to the unobservable inputs used.

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The carrying amounts of the major classes of assets and liabilities that were classified as held for sale at December 31, 2025 were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31, 2025
Assets	
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 179,502
Inventories	188,750
Other current assets	3,563
Current assets held for sale	371,815
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	1,043,529
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	645,438
Net property, plant and equipment	398,091
Investments ^(a)	64,125
Other intangibles, net of amortization and other noncurrent assets	29,444
Noncurrent assets held for sale	491,660
Total assets held for sale	<u>\$ 863,475</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable to third parties	\$ 116,397
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	75,356
Current liabilities held for sale	191,753
Deferred income taxes	44,311
Other noncurrent liabilities	15,659
Noncurrent liabilities held for sale	59,970
Total liabilities held for sale	<u>\$ 251,723</u>

- (a) Does not include the Company's Eurecat investments of \$81.9 million, which are not part of the Refining Solutions business transaction or classified as held for sale.

Neither the Refining Solutions business nor the investment in Eurecat S.A. qualified for discontinued operations treatment because the Company's management does not consider these sales as representing a strategic shift that had or will have a major effect on the Company's operations and financial results.

NOTE 3—Supplemental Cash Flow Information:

Supplemental information related to the consolidated statements of cash flows is as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Cash paid during the year for:			
Income taxes (net of refunds of \$159,392, \$67,132 and \$31,386 in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively)	\$ 152,482	\$ 262,845	\$ 319,391
Interest (net of capitalization)	\$ 180,705	\$ 150,689	\$ 101,978
Supplemental non-cash disclosures related to investing and financing activities:			
Capital expenditures included in Accounts payable	\$ 120,366	\$ 197,951	\$ 494,029
Common stock issued for annual incentive bonus plan ^(a)	\$ —	\$ 11,545	\$ —

- (a) During the first quarter of 2024, the Company issued 95,003 shares of common stock to certain employees in lieu of cash as payment of a portion of their 2023 annual incentive bonus plan.

Noncurrent liability changes and other, net within Cash flows from operating activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2025 included the receipt of a \$350.0 million customer prepayment. See Note 14, "Other Noncurrent Liabilities," for further details. Noncurrent liability changes and other, net within Cash flows from operating activities on the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 included \$44.6

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million, \$82.7 million and \$64.4 million, respectively, representing the reclassification of the current portion of the one-time transition tax resulting from the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“TCJA”) in 2017, from Other noncurrent liabilities to Income taxes payable within current liabilities. For additional information, see Note 20, “Income Taxes.” In addition, included in Noncurrent liability changes and other, net for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 is (\$18.9) million, \$67.5 million and \$39.9 million, respectively, related to (losses) gains on fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

NOTE 4—Other Accounts Receivable:

Other accounts receivable consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Value added tax/consumption tax	\$ 75,107	\$ 213,138
Other	30,003	25,246
Total	<u>\$ 105,110</u>	<u>\$ 238,384</u>

NOTE 5—Inventories:

The following table provides a breakdown of inventories at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Finished goods	\$ 620,738	\$ 912,662
Raw materials and work in process ^(a)	414,232	429,080
Stores, supplies and other	144,301	160,789
Total ^(b)	<u>\$ 1,179,271</u>	<u>\$ 1,502,531</u>

- (a) Included \$297.9 million and \$290.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, of work in process in our Energy Storage segment.
- (b) As a result of the decline in lithium market pricing, the Company recorded charges in Cost of goods sold to reduce the value of certain finished goods and spodumene to their net realizable value. The balance of these inventory valuation adjustments totaled \$2.7 million and \$104.0 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company utilized \$101.2 million and \$500.6 million, respectively, of the inventory valuation adjustments as the inventory was sold, which are included within Decrease (increase) in inventories on the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Approximately 3% of our inventories are valued using the last-in, first-out (“LIFO”) method at both December 31, 2025 and 2024. The portion of our domestic inventories stated on the LIFO basis amounted to \$33.4 million and \$44.5 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, which are below replacement cost by approximately \$67.8 million and \$67.1 million, respectively.

The Company eliminates the balance of intra-entity profits on purchases of inventory from its equity method investments that remains unsold at the balance sheet in Inventories, specifically finished goods and equally reduces Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax) on the consolidated statements of (loss) income. The balance of intra-entity profits on inventory purchased from equity method investments in Inventories totaled \$37.2 million and \$66.8 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The intra-entity profit is recognized in Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax) in the period that converted inventory is sold to a third-party customer. In the same period, the intra-entity profit is also recognized as higher Cost of goods sold on the consolidated statements of (loss) income.

NOTE 6—Other Current Assets:

Other current assets consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Income tax receivables	\$ 66,161	\$ 84,975
Prepaid taxes	15,669	217
Other prepaid expenses	56,234	76,974
Other	2,376	4,750
Total	<u>\$ 140,440</u>	<u>\$ 166,916</u>

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NOTE 7—Property, Plant and Equipment:

Property, plant and equipment, at cost, consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	Useful Lives (Years)	December 31,	
		2025	2024
Land	—	\$ 265,587	\$ 295,176
Land improvements	10 – 30	351,394	342,213
Buildings and improvements	10 – 50	936,635	933,188
Machinery and equipment ^(a)	2 – 45	7,812,518	8,187,422
Mineral rights and reserves	7 – 60	1,759,775	1,755,770
Construction in progress	—	642,931	1,009,599
Total		\$ 11,768,840	\$ 12,523,368

- (a) Consists primarily of (1) short-lived production equipment components, office and building equipment and other equipment with estimated lives ranging 2 – 7 years, (2) production process equipment (intermediate components) with estimated lives ranging 8 – 19 years, (3) production process equipment (major unit components) with estimated lives ranging 20 – 29 years, and (4) production process equipment (infrastructure and other) with estimated lives ranging 30 – 45 years.

The cost of property, plant and equipment is depreciated generally by the straight-line method. Depletion of mineral rights is based on the units-of-production method. Depreciation expense, including depletion, amounted to \$632.4 million, \$561.4 million and \$398.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Interest capitalized on significant capital projects in 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$18.5 million, \$49.0 million and \$72.7 million, respectively.

In 2022, the Company announced it has been awarded a nearly \$150 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand domestic manufacturing of batteries for EVs and the electric grid and for materials and components currently imported from other countries. The grant funding is intended to support a portion of the anticipated cost to construct a new, commercial-scale U.S.-based lithium concentrator facility at our Kings Mountain, North Carolina location. The grant will be received over the life of the construction period for the new facility (projected through 2028) as reimbursement for capital expenditures. To further support the restart of the Kings Mountain mine, in 2023, we announced a \$90 million critical materials award from the U.S. Department of Defense. As funds are received for both of these grants, the Company will reduce the cost of the assets by the amount of the grant, and income will be recognized by the lower depreciation expense over the useful life of the assets. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company received \$12.8 million and \$12.4 million of these funds, respectively, which reduced the cost of Property, plant and equipment on the balance sheet.

NOTE 8—Investments:

Investments include our share of unconsolidated joint ventures, nonmarketable securities and marketable equity securities. The following table details the Company's investment balances at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Joint ventures	\$ 819,848	\$ 726,594
Available for sale debt securities	—	313,991
Nonmarketable securities	16,766	16,528
Marketable equity securities	64,312	60,626
Total	\$ 900,926	\$ 1,117,739

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Unconsolidated Joint Ventures

The Company's ownership positions in significant unconsolidated investments are shown below:

	December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
* Windfield Holdings Pty. Ltd. ("Windfield") - a joint venture with Sichuan Tianqi Lithium Industries, Inc., that mines lithium ore and produces lithium concentrate	49 %	49 %	49 %
* Nippon Aluminum Alkyls - a joint venture with Mitsui Chemicals, Inc. that produces aluminum alkyls ^(a)	— %	50 %	50 %
* Nippon Ketjen Company Limited - a joint venture with Sumitomo Metal Mining Company Limited that produces refinery catalysts ^(b)	50 %	50 %	50 %
* Eurecat S.A. - a joint venture with Axens Group for refinery catalysts regeneration services ^(c)	50 %	50 %	50 %
* Fábrica Carioca de Catalisadores S.A. - a joint venture with Petrobras Quimica S.A. - PETROQUISA that produces catalysts and includes catalysts research and product development activities ^(b)	50 %	50 %	50 %

- (a) The Company divested all of its ownership interest in Nippon Aluminum Alkyls on October 1, 2025. All financial results from this joint venture are included in the Company's financial statements through the date of sale.
- (b) Joint ventures to be included in the Refining Solutions business divestiture expected to close in the first quarter of 2026. See Note 2, "Divestitures," for further information. The investment balances for these unconsolidated investments are reported within Noncurrent assets held for sale at December 31, 2025.
- (c) The Company divested all of its ownership interest in Eurecat S.A. on January 23, 2026. See Note 2, "Divestitures," for further information.

The following table details the Company's equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax) for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Windfield	\$ 217,222	\$ 692,965	\$ 1,833,589
Other joint ventures	26,522	22,468	20,493
Total	\$ 243,744	\$ 715,433	\$ 1,854,082

The Company's investment in the significant unconsolidated joint ventures reported in Investments on the consolidated balance sheet amounted to \$803.6 million and \$712.2 million as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Its investment in the significant unconsolidated joint ventures reported in Noncurrent assets held for sale on the consolidated balance sheets amounted to \$59.8 million as of December 31, 2025. Undistributed earnings attributable to the Company's significant unconsolidated investments represented approximately \$606.6 million and \$464.6 million of its consolidated retained earnings at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. On October 1, 2025, the Company divested all of its ownership interest in the Nippon Aluminum Alkyls joint venture and recorded a loss of \$14.3 million in Other income, net during the year ended December 31, 2025. All of the unconsolidated joint ventures in which the Company has investments are private companies and, accordingly, do not have a quoted market price available.

The following summary lists the assets, liabilities and results of operations for the Company's significant unconsolidated joint ventures at December 31, 2025 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Summary of Balance Sheet Information:		
Current assets	\$ 817,766	\$ 968,453
Noncurrent assets	2,975,902	2,707,216
Total assets	\$ 3,793,668	\$ 3,675,669
Current liabilities	\$ 328,528	\$ 390,522
Noncurrent liabilities	1,728,775	1,727,181
Total liabilities	\$ 2,057,303	\$ 2,117,703

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Summary of Statements of Income Information:			
Net sales	\$ 1,540,659	\$ 1,810,801	\$ 7,019,117
Gross profit	\$ 763,329	\$ 1,047,714	\$ 6,373,472
Income before income taxes	\$ 570,046	\$ 695,932	\$ 5,988,737
Net income	\$ 403,371	\$ 485,392	\$ 4,224,961

The Company has evaluated each of the unconsolidated investments pursuant to current accounting guidance and none qualify for consolidation. Dividends received from the Company's significant unconsolidated investments were \$85.9 million, \$346.8 million and \$2.0 billion in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Company holds a 49% equity interest in Windfield, which it acquired in the Rockwood acquisition. With regards to the Company's ownership in Windfield, the parties share risks and benefits disproportionate to their voting interests. As a result, the Company considers Windfield to be a variable interest entity ("VIE"). However, the Company does not consolidate Windfield as it is not the primary beneficiary. The carrying amount of our 49% equity interest in Windfield, which is within the Energy Storage segment and the most significant VIE, was \$735.3 million and \$583.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Company's unconsolidated VIEs are reported in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company does not guarantee debt for, or have other financial support obligations to, these entities, and its maximum exposure to loss in connection with its continuing involvement with these entities is limited to the carrying value of the investments.

Proportionately Consolidated Joint Ventures

On October 18, 2023, the Company closed on the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with MRL. This updated structure was intended to significantly simplify the commercial operation agreements previously entered into, allowed the Company to retain full control of downstream conversion assets and provide greater strategic opportunities for each company based on their global operations and the evolving lithium market.

Under the amended agreements, Albemarle acquired the remaining 40% ownership of the Kemerton lithium hydroxide processing facility in Australia that was jointly owned with MRL through the MARBL joint venture, bringing Albemarle's ownership in the processing facility to 100%. Following this restructuring, Albemarle and MRL each own 50% of Wodgina, and MRL operates the Wodgina mine on behalf of the joint venture. During the fourth quarter of 2023, Albemarle paid MRL approximately \$380 million in cash, which included \$180 million of consideration for the remaining ownership of Kemerton as well as a payment for the economic effective date of the transaction being retroactive to April 1, 2022.

As a result of this transaction, the Company recorded a gain of \$71.2 million on the consolidated statement of (loss) income during the fourth quarter of 2023. The fair value of the 40% ownership of the Kemerton lithium hydroxide processing facility was based on management's estimates and assumptions, as well as other information compiled by management, including valuations that utilize customary valuation procedures and techniques.

This joint venture is unincorporated with each investor holding an undivided interest in each asset and proportionately liable for each liability; therefore, our proportionate share of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses are included in the appropriate classifications in the consolidated financial statements.

Public Equity Securities

Included in the Company's marketable equity securities balance are holdings in equity securities of public companies. The fair value is measured using publicly available share prices of the investments, with any changes reported in Other income, net in our consolidated statements of (loss) income. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company purchased approximately \$203.4 million of shares in publicly-traded companies. In January 2024, the Company sold equity securities of a public company for proceeds of approximately \$81.5 million. As a result of the sale, the Company realized a loss of \$33.7 million in Other income, net in the year ended December 31, 2024. In addition, during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, the Company recorded unrealized mark-to-market gain (losses) of \$11.1 million, (\$37.0) million and (\$41.4) million, respectively, in Other income, net for all public equity securities held at the end of the balance sheet date.

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Other

The Company holds a 50% equity interest in Jordan Bromine Company Limited (“JBC”), reported in the Specialties segment. The Company consolidates this venture as it is considered the primary beneficiary due to its operational and financial control.

As part of the proceeds from the sale of the fine chemistry services (“FCS”) business on June 1, 2021, W.R. Grace & Co. (“Grace”) issued Albemarle preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary having an aggregate stated value of \$270 million. The preferred equity began accruing payment-in-kind (“PIK”) dividends at an annual rate of 12% on June 1, 2023. In June 2025, the Company redeemed the preferred equity from Grace for an aggregate value of \$307.4 million, comprised of \$288.0 million in cash received in June 2025 for the redemption and \$19.4 million in cash previously received for tax liabilities. As a result, the Company recorded a loss of \$38.0 million within Other income, net during the year ended December 31, 2025, representing the difference between the cash received and the recorded fair value of \$326.0 million prior to redemption.

We maintain a Benefit Protection Trust (the “Trust”) that was created to provide a source of funds to assist in meeting the obligations of our Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (“EDCP”), subject to the claims of our creditors in the event of our insolvency. Assets of the Trust, in conjunction with our EDCP, are accounted for as trading securities in accordance with authoritative accounting guidance. The assets of the Trust consist primarily of mutual fund investments and are marked-to-market on a monthly basis through the consolidated statements of (loss) income. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, these marketable securities amounted to \$30.8 million and \$38.2 million, respectively.

NOTE 9—Other Assets:

Other assets consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Value added tax/consumption tax	\$ 248,249	\$ 155,068
Deferred income taxes ^(a)	17,542	53,608
Assets related to unrecognized tax benefits ^(a)	75,846	74,809
Operating leases ^(b)	116,404	118,839
Capital expenditure incentive receivables ^(c)	159,424	74,506
Other	29,720	27,881
Total	\$ 647,185	\$ 504,711

(a) See Note 1, “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” and Note 20, “Income Taxes.”

(b) See Note 18, “Leases.”

(c) Bonds for incentive agreements with local government agencies that offset value with equal long-term liabilities. See Note 14, “Other Noncurrent Liabilities,” for further details.

NOTE 10—Goodwill and Other Intangibles:

The following table summarizes the changes in goodwill by reportable segment for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	Energy Storage	Specialties	Ketjen	Total
Balance at December 31, 2023 ^(a)	\$ 1,424,484	\$ 32,639	\$ 172,606	\$ 1,629,729
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(36,893)	(62)	(10,060)	(47,015)
Balance at December 31, 2024 ^(a)	1,387,591	32,577	162,546	1,582,714
Impairment loss ^(b)	—	—	(181,070)	(181,070)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	79,368	121	18,524	98,013
Balance at December 31, 2025 ^(c)	<u>\$ 1,466,959</u>	<u>\$ 32,698</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,499,657</u>

(a) Balance as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 included an accumulated impairment loss of \$6.8 million from the PCS reporting unit within the Ketjen segment. As a result, the balance of Ketjen goodwill as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 fully consisted of goodwill related to the Refining Solutions reporting unit. The balances of Energy Storage and Specialties goodwill as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 fully consisted of goodwill related to the Energy Storage and Specialties reporting units, respectively.

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- (b) Impairment charge representing the full value of goodwill associated with the Refining Solutions reporting unit within the Ketjen segment. See Note 2, "Divestitures," for further details.
- (c) Balance as of December 31, 2025 included an accumulated impairment loss of \$187.8 million from the Refining Solutions and PCS reporting units within the Ketjen segment. The balances of Energy Storage and Specialties goodwill as of December 31, 2025 fully consisted of goodwill related to the Energy Storage and Specialties reporting units, respectively.

Other intangibles consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	Customer Lists and Relationships	Trade Names and Trademarks ^(a)	Patents and Technology	Other	Total
Gross Asset Value					
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 417,803	\$ 13,405	\$ 46,287	\$ 34,649	\$ 512,144
Retirements	—	(2,309)	(14,506)	(4,449)	(21,264)
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	(15,791)	(426)	484	(1,190)	(16,923)
Balance at December 31, 2024	402,012	10,670	32,265	29,010	473,957
Reclass to assets held for sale ^(b)	(45,289)	(10,357)	(2,900)	(111)	(58,657)
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	27,608	705	3,115	1,534	32,962
Balance at December 31, 2025	\$ 384,331	\$ 1,018	\$ 32,480	\$ 30,433	\$ 448,262
Accumulated Amortization					
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ (204,481)	\$ (3,673)	\$ (26,758)	\$ (15,374)	\$ (250,286)
Amortization	(19,570)	—	(2,549)	(917)	(23,036)
Retirements	—	2,309	14,506	4,449	21,264
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	7,820	40	548	446	8,854
Balance at December 31, 2024	(216,231)	(1,324)	(14,253)	(11,396)	(243,204)
Amortization	(18,896)	—	(2,576)	(958)	(22,430)
Reclass to assets held for sale ^(b)	43,914	1,324	2,268	111	47,617
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	(14,858)	—	(701)	(453)	(16,012)
Balance at December 31, 2025	\$ (206,071)	\$ —	\$ (15,262)	\$ (12,696)	\$ (234,029)
Net Book Value at December 31, 2024	\$ 185,781	\$ 9,346	\$ 18,012	\$ 17,614	\$ 230,753
Net Book Value at December 31, 2025	\$ 178,260	\$ 1,018	\$ 17,218	\$ 17,737	\$ 214,233

(a) Net Book Value includes only indefinite-lived intangible assets.

(b) Represents intangibles and related amortization of the Refining Solutions Business Transaction. See Note 2, "Divestitures," for additional information.

Useful lives range from 13 – 25 years for customer lists and relationships; 8 – 20 years for patents and technology; and primarily 5 – 25 years for other.

Amortization of other intangibles amounted to \$22.4 million, \$23.0 million and \$28.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Included in amortization for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 is \$16.0 million, \$16.1 million and \$16.7 million, respectively, of amortization using the pattern of economic benefit method.

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Total estimated amortization expense of other intangibles for the next five fiscal years is as follows (in thousands):

	Estimated Amortization Expense
2026	\$ 20,958
2027	\$ 20,589
2028	\$ 19,859
2029	\$ 18,319
2030	\$ 16,595

NOTE 11—Accrued Expenses:

Accrued expenses consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Employee benefits, payroll and related taxes	\$ 140,208	\$ 157,153
Deferred revenue ^(a)	93,090	2,115
Other ^{(b)(c)}	288,533	308,729
Total	<u>\$ 521,831</u>	<u>\$ 467,997</u>

- (a) Deferred revenue expected to be recognized within Net sales over the next 12 months, primarily relating to the receipt of \$350 million from a customer for the delivery of specified amounts of spodumene and lithium salts. See Note 14, “Other Noncurrent Liabilities,” for further details.
- (b) Other accrued expenses represent balances such as operating lease liabilities, environmental reserves, asset retirement obligations, pension obligations, interest, utilities, other taxes, among other liabilities, expected to be paid within the next 12 months. No individual component exceeds 5% of total current liabilities.
- (c) See Note 17, “Restructuring Charges and Asset Write-offs,” for details of the restructuring liability balance recorded in Accrued liabilities.

NOTE 12—Long-Term Debt:

Long-term debt consisted of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
1.125% notes due 2025	\$ —	\$ 393,346
1.625% notes due 2028	588,600	521,500
3.45% Senior notes due 2029	171,612	171,612
4.65% Senior notes due 2027	650,000	650,000
5.05% Senior notes due 2032	600,000	600,000
5.45% Senior notes due 2044	350,000	350,000
5.65% Senior notes due 2052	450,000	450,000
Interest-free loan	300,000	300,000
Variable-rate foreign bank loans	17,892	27,477
Finance lease obligations	106,796	118,796
Other	20,500	22,000
Unamortized discount and debt issuance costs	(61,859)	(88,566)
Total long-term debt	3,193,541	3,516,165
Less amounts due within one year	74,077	398,023
Long-term debt, less current portion	<u>\$ 3,119,464</u>	<u>\$ 3,118,142</u>

Aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt as of December 31, 2025 are as follows (in millions): 2026—\$74.1; 2027—\$710.0; 2028—\$648.6; 2029—\$231.6; 2030—\$60.0; thereafter—\$1,531.1.

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2022 Notes

On May 13, 2022, the Company issued a series of notes (collectively, the “2022 Notes”) as follows:

- \$650.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes, bearing interest at a rate of 4.65% payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning on December 1, 2022. The effective interest rate on these senior notes is approximately 4.84%. These senior notes mature on June 1, 2027.
- \$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes, bearing interest at a rate of 5.05% payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning on December 1, 2022. The effective interest rate on these senior notes is approximately 5.18%. These senior notes mature on June 1, 2032.
- \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes, bearing interest at a rate of 5.65% payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning on December 1, 2022. The effective interest rate on these senior notes is approximately 5.71%. These senior notes mature on June 1, 2052.

2019 Notes

The Company has the following outstanding series of notes originally issued on November 25, 2019 (collectively, the “2019 Notes”) as follows:

- €500.0 million aggregate principal amount of notes, bearing interest at a rate of 1.625% payable annually on November 25 of each year, beginning in 2020. The effective interest rate on these notes is approximately 1.74%. These notes mature on November 25, 2028.
- \$171.6 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes, bearing interest at a rate of 3.45% payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15 of each year, beginning in 2020. The effective interest rate on these senior notes is approximately 3.58%. These senior notes mature on November 15, 2029.

On November 25, 2025, the Company repaid €377.1 million of notes (originally issued on November 25, 2019) with cash on hand as they matured. These notes bore an interest rate of 1.125%.

2014 Senior Notes

We currently have outstanding \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes issued on November 24, 2014, bearing interest at a rate of 5.45% payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning June 1, 2015. The effective interest rate on these senior notes is approximately 5.50%. These senior notes mature on December 1, 2044.

Credit Agreements

On October 31, 2024 the Company amended its revolving, unsecured amended and restated credit agreement dated October 28, 2022, as previously amended on February 9, 2024 (the “2022 Credit Agreement”), which provides for borrowings of up to \$1.5 billion and matures on October 28, 2027. Borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement bear interest at variable rates based on a benchmark rate depending on the currency in which the loans are denominated, plus an applicable margin which ranges from 0.910% to 1.375%, depending on the Company’s credit rating from Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services LLC (“S&P”), Moody’s Investors Services, Inc. (“Moody’s”) and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (“Fitch”). With respect to loans denominated in U.S. dollars, interest is calculated using the term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) plus a term SOFR adjustment of 0.10%, plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin on the facility was 1.20% as of December 31, 2025. There were no borrowings outstanding under the 2022 Credit Agreement as of December 31, 2025.

Borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement are conditioned upon satisfaction of certain customary conditions precedent, including the absence of defaults. The October 2024 amendment was entered into to modify the financial covenants under the 2022 Credit Agreement. The amended 2022 Credit Agreement subjects the Company to two financial covenants, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The amended first financial covenant requires that the ratio of (a) (i) the Company’s consolidated net funded debt plus a proportionate amount of Windfield’s net funded debt less (ii) the Company’s unrestricted cash and cash equivalents plus a proportionate amount of Windfield’s unrestricted cash and cash equivalents (up to a specified amount) to (b) consolidated Windfield-Adjusted EBITDA (as such terms are defined in the 2022 Credit Agreement) be less than or equal to: (i) 5.00:1.0 as of the end of the fourth quarter of 2025 (ii) 4.75:1.0 as of the end of the first and the second quarters of 2026, respectively and (iii) 3.50:1.0 as of the end of the third quarter of 2026 and each fiscal quarter thereafter through the third quarter of 2027. The maximum permitted leverage ratios described above are subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms of the 2022 Credit Agreement upon the consummation of an acquisition after June 30, 2026 if the consideration includes cash proceeds from issuance of funded debt in excess of \$500 million.

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The amended second financial covenant requires that the ratio of the Company's consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest charges (as such terms are defined in the 2022 Credit Agreement) be no less than (i) 2.50:1.0 as of the end of the fourth quarter of 2025, and (ii) 3.00:1.0 as of the end of each fiscal quarter thereafter. The 2022 Credit Agreement also contains customary default provisions, including defaults for non-payment, breach of representations and warranties, insolvency, non-performance of covenants and cross-defaults to other material indebtedness. The occurrence of an event of default under the 2022 Credit Agreement could result in all loans and other obligations becoming immediately due and payable and the commitments under the 2022 Credit Agreement being terminated.

The Company expects to maintain compliance with the amended financial covenants for the next twelve months. However, a significant and extended downturn in lithium market prices or demand could impact the Company's ability to maintain compliance with its amended financial covenants and it could require the Company to seek additional amendments to the 2022 Credit Agreement and/or issue debt or equity securities to fund its activities and maintain financial flexibility. If the Company were unable to obtain such necessary additional amendments, this could lead to an event of default and its lenders could require the Company to repay its outstanding debt. In that situation, the Company may not be able to raise sufficient debt or equity capital, or divest assets, to refinance or repay the lenders.

Commercial Paper Notes

On May 29, 2013, we entered into agreements to initiate a commercial paper program on a private placement basis under which we may issue unsecured commercial paper notes (the "Commercial Paper Notes") from time-to-time. The maximum aggregate face amount of Commercial Paper Notes outstanding at any time is limited to \$1.5 billion, while the aggregate borrowings outstanding under the 2022 Credit Agreement and the Commercial Paper Notes will not exceed the \$1.5 billion current maximum amount available under the 2022 Credit Agreement. The Commercial Paper Notes will be sold at a discount from par, or alternatively, will be sold at par and bear interest at rates that will vary based upon market conditions at the time of issuance. The maturities of the Commercial Paper Notes will vary but may not exceed 397 days. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we repaid a net amount of \$620.0 million of commercial paper notes using the net proceeds received from the issuance of mandatory convertible preferred stock. See Note 16, "Equity," for additional information.

Other

In the second quarter of 2023, the Company received a loan of \$300.0 million to be repaid in five equal annual installments beginning on December 31, 2026. This interest-free loan was discounted using an imputed interest rate of 5.53% and the Company will amortize that discount through Interest and financing expenses over the term of the loan.

The Company has additional uncommitted credit lines with various U.S. and foreign financial institutions that provide for borrowings of up to approximately \$169.6 million at December 31, 2025. Outstanding borrowings under these agreements were \$17.9 million and \$27.5 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The average interest rate on borrowings under these agreements during 2025 was approximately 1.3% and approximately 0.3% during 2024 and 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company recorded a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$7.5 million in Interest and financing expenses, representing the unamortized discounts from the amendment of other debt.

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company had the ability and intent to refinance our borrowings under other existing credit lines with borrowings under the 2022 Credit Agreement. Therefore, the amounts outstanding under those credit lines, if any, are classified as long-term debt at December 31, 2025 and 2024. At December 31, 2025, the Company had the ability to borrow a total of \$1.5 billion under the commercial paper program and the 2022 Credit Agreement.

The Company believes that as of December 31, 2025, it was, and currently is, in compliance with all of its debt covenants.

Accounts Receivable Purchase Agreement

The Company is party to master receivables purchase agreements, under which it may sell available and eligible outstanding customer accounts receivable generated by sales to certain customers of up to approximately \$180.6 million at any one time. The agreements are uncommitted and can be terminated by us or the purchaser upon notice in accordance with the terms of the agreements. Transactions under these agreements are accounted for as sales of accounts receivable, and the receivables sold are removed from the consolidated balance sheets as of the effective time of the sales transaction. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company sold and removed approximately \$257.4 million of accounts receivable under this master receivables purchase agreement. The Company incurred approximately \$1.1 million of fees associated with the master

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receivables purchase agreement during the year ended December 31, 2025. Costs associated with the sales of receivables are reflected in the consolidated statements of (loss) income for the period in which the sales occur.

NOTE 13—Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits:

The Company maintains various noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain employees, primarily in the U.S., the U.K., Germany and Japan. The Company also has a contributory defined benefit plan covering certain Belgian employees. The benefits for these plans are based primarily on compensation and/or years of service. The U.S. and U.K. defined benefit plans for non-represented employees are closed to new participants, with no additional benefits accruing under these plans as participants' accrued benefits have been frozen. The funding policy for each plan complies with the requirements of relevant governmental laws and regulations. The pension information for all periods presented includes amounts related to salaried and hourly plans.

The following provides a reconciliation of benefit obligations, plan assets and funded status, as well as a summary of significant assumptions, for our defined benefit pension plans (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2025		Year Ended December 31, 2024	
	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans
Change in benefit obligations:				
Benefit obligation at January 1	\$ 485,068	\$ 177,953	\$ 512,902	\$ 195,918
Service cost	402	5,167	545	5,391
Interest cost	26,140	7,404	25,580	7,204
Actuarial loss (gain)	14,340	(6,483)	(11,604)	(7,034)
Benefits paid	(41,765)	(12,943)	(42,355)	(9,423)
Employee contributions	—	65	—	70
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	—	18,624	—	(7,920)
Settlements/curtailments	—	(998)	—	(6,197)
Other	—	(52)	—	(56)
Reclass to assets held for sale	(615)	(2,156)	—	—
Benefit obligation at December 31	<u>\$ 483,570</u>	<u>\$ 186,581</u>	<u>\$ 485,068</u>	<u>\$ 177,953</u>
Change in plan assets:				
Fair value of plan assets at January 1	\$ 477,394	\$ 62,318	\$ 484,131	\$ 65,514
Actual return on plan assets	34,927	3,456	33,707	(1,317)
Employer contributions	5,237	13,240	1,911	15,498
Benefits paid	(41,765)	(12,943)	(42,355)	(9,423)
Employee contributions	—	65	—	70
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	—	5,948	—	(1,771)
Settlements/curtailments	—	(998)	—	(6,197)
Other	—	(52)	—	(56)
Reclass to assets held for sale	(563)	(1,210)	—	—
Fair value of plan assets at December 31	<u>\$ 475,230</u>	<u>\$ 69,824</u>	<u>\$ 477,394</u>	<u>\$ 62,318</u>
Funded status at December 31	<u>\$ (8,340)</u>	<u>\$ (116,757)</u>	<u>\$ (7,674)</u>	<u>\$ (115,635)</u>

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	December 31, 2025		December 31, 2024	
	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans
Amounts recognized in consolidated balance sheets:				
Current liabilities (accrued expenses)	\$ (910)	\$ (6,826)	\$ (928)	\$ (6,189)
Noncurrent liabilities (pension benefits)	(7,430)	(109,931)	(6,746)	(109,446)
Net pension liability	<u>\$ (8,340)</u>	<u>\$ (116,757)</u>	<u>\$ (7,674)</u>	<u>\$ (115,635)</u>
Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss:				
Prior service benefit	\$ —	\$ (371)	\$ —	\$ (441)
Net amount recognized	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (371)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (441)</u>
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at December 31:				
Discount rate	5.43 %	4.50 %	5.65 %	4.04 %
Rate of compensation increase	— %	2.83 %	— %	3.65 %

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was \$660.8 million and \$655.9 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Postretirement medical benefits and life insurance is provided for certain groups of U.S. retired employees. Medical and life insurance benefit costs have been funded principally on a pay-as-you-go basis. The availability of medical coverage after retirement varies for different groups of employees. The majority of employees who retired before becoming eligible for Medicare can continue group coverage by paying a portion of the cost of a monthly premium designed to cover the claims incurred by retired employees subject to a cap on payments allowed. Employees who retired after December 31, 2024 pay the full cost of the monthly premium. The availability of group coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees also varies by employee group with coverage designed either to supplement or coordinate with Medicare. Retirees generally pay a portion of the cost of the coverage. Plan assets for retiree life insurance are held under an insurance contract and are reserved for retiree life insurance benefits. In 2005, the postretirement medical benefit available to U.S. employees was changed to provide that employees who are under age 50 as of December 31, 2005 would no longer be eligible for a company-paid retiree medical premium subsidy. Employees who are of age 50 and above as of December 31, 2005 and who retire after January 1, 2006 will have their retiree medical premium subsidy capped. Effective January 1, 2008, our medical insurance for certain groups of U.S. retired employees is now insured through a medical carrier.

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The following provides a reconciliation of benefit obligations, plan assets and funded status, as well as a summary of significant assumptions, for our postretirement benefit plans (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
	Other Postretirement Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
Change in benefit obligations:		
Benefit obligation at January 1	\$ 34,478	\$ 28,889
Service cost	19	46
Interest cost	1,883	1,441
Actuarial loss (gain)	13,215	6,072
Benefits paid	(1,964)	(1,970)
Benefit obligation at December 31	<u>\$ 47,631</u>	<u>\$ 34,478</u>
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at January 1	\$ —	\$ —
Employer contributions	1,964	1,970
Benefits paid	(1,964)	(1,970)
Fair value of plan assets at December 31	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Funded status at December 31	<u>\$ (47,631)</u>	<u>\$ (34,478)</u>
	December 31,	
	2025	2024
	Other Postretirement Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
Amounts recognized in consolidated balance sheets:		
Current liabilities (accrued expenses)	\$ (2,887)	\$ (2,548)
Noncurrent liabilities (postretirement benefits)	(44,744)	(31,930)
Net postretirement liability	<u>\$ (47,631)</u>	<u>\$ (34,478)</u>
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations at December 31:		
Discount rate	5.45 %	5.67 %
Rate of compensation increase	3.50 %	3.50 %

The components of pension benefits cost (credit) are as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2025		Year Ended December 31, 2024		Year Ended December 31, 2023	
	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans
Service cost	\$ 402	\$ 5,167	\$ 545	\$ 5,391	\$ 499	\$ 5,686
Interest cost	26,140	7,404	25,580	7,204	26,924	7,153
Expected return on assets	(30,711)	(4,252)	(31,862)	(3,867)	(30,875)	(2,872)
Actuarial loss (gain)	10,204	(6,173)	(13,530)	(2,569)	(11,951)	8,593
Amortization of prior service benefit	—	79	—	79	—	81
Total net pension benefits (credit) cost	<u>\$ 6,035</u>	<u>\$ 2,225</u>	<u>\$ (19,267)</u>	<u>\$ 6,238</u>	<u>\$ (15,403)</u>	<u>\$ 18,641</u>
Weighted-average assumption percentages:						
Discount rate	5.65 %	4.04 %	5.21 %	3.73 %	5.46 %	4.04 %
Expected return on plan assets	6.70 %	6.52 %	6.88 %	5.95 %	6.88 %	4.86 %
Rate of compensation increase	— %	3.65 %	— %	3.67 %	— %	3.67 %

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Effective January 1, 2026, the weighted-average expected rate of return on plan assets for the U.S. and foreign defined benefit pension plans is 6.00% and 6.35%, respectively.

The components of postretirement benefits cost (credit) are as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
	Other Postretirement Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits	Other Postretirement Benefits
Service cost	\$ 19	\$ 46	\$ 47
Interest cost	1,883	1,441	1,873
Actuarial loss (gain)	13,215	6,268	(6,816)
Total net postretirement benefits credit	\$ 15,117	\$ 7,755	\$ (4,896)
Weighted-average assumption percentages:			
Discount rate	5.67 %	5.21 %	5.45 %

All components of net benefit cost (credit), other than service cost, are included in Other income, net on the consolidated statements of (loss) income.

The mark-to-market actuarial loss in 2025 was primarily attributable to a decrease in the weighted-average discount rate to 5.43% from 5.65% for our U.S. pension plans and postretirement benefit to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date, which was partially offset by a higher return on pension plan assets in the U.S. during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. pension plan assets was 7.32% versus an expected return of 6.70%. The mark-to-market actuarial loss in the U.S. was partially offset by a gain for our foreign pension plans, attributable to an increase in the weighted-average discount rate to 4.50% from 4.04% for our foreign pension plans to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date. This was partially offset by a lower return on foreign pension plan assets during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. and foreign pension plan assets was 5.55% versus an expected return of 6.52%.

The mark-to-market actuarial gain in 2024 was primarily attributable to an increase in the weighted-average discount rate to 5.65% from 5.21% for our U.S. pension plans and to 4.04% from 3.73% for our foreign pension plans to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2024 measurement date. This was partially offset by a lower return on pension plan assets during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. and foreign pension plan assets was 5.89% versus an expected return of 6.77%.

The mark-to-market actuarial gain in 2023 was primarily attributable to a higher return on pension plan assets during the year than was expected, as a result of overall market and investment portfolio performance. The weighted-average actual return on our U.S. and foreign pension plan assets was 11.21% versus an expected return of 6.66%. This was partially offset by a decrease in the weighted-average discount rate to 5.21% from 5.46% for our U.S. pension plans and to 3.73% from 4.04% for our foreign pension plans to reflect market conditions as of the December 31, 2023 measurement date.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The inputs used to measure fair value are classified into the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

We endeavor to utilize the best available information in measuring fair value. Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the closing price on the last business day of the year. Listed securities for

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which no sale was reported on such date are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and asked price. Securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the closing price on the last business day of the year or at bid price. The net asset value of shares or units is based on the quoted market value of the underlying assets. The market value of corporate bonds is based on institutional trading lots and is most often reflective of bid price. Government securities are valued at the mean between bid and ask prices. Holdings in private equity securities are typically valued using the net asset valuations provided by the underlying private investment companies.

The following tables set forth the assets of our pension and postretirement plans that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31, 2025	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Similar Items (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Pension Assets:				
Domestic Equity ^(a)	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ —	\$ —
International Equity ^(b)	152,912	143,654	9,258	—
Fixed Income ^(c)	368,588	331,713	36,875	—
Absolute Return Measured at Net Asset Value ^(d)	8,076	—	—	—
Cash	15,338	15,338	—	—
Total Pension Assets	\$ 545,054	\$ 490,845	\$ 46,133	\$ —
	December 31, 2024	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Similar Items (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Pension Assets:				
Domestic Equity ^(a)	\$ 78,124	\$ 78,124	\$ —	\$ —
International Equity ^(b)	78,124	69,471	8,653	—
Fixed Income ^(c)	318,036	286,549	31,487	—
Absolute Return Measured at Net Asset Value ^(d)	56,888	—	—	—
Cash	8,540	8,540	—	—
Total Pension Assets	\$ 539,712	\$ 442,684	\$ 40,140	\$ —

(a) Consists primarily of U.S. stock funds that track or are actively managed and measured against the S&P 500 index.

(b) Consists primarily of international equity funds that invest in common stocks and other securities whose value is based on an international equity index or an underlying equity security or basket of equity securities.

(c) Consists primarily of debt obligations issued by governments, corporations, municipalities and other borrowers. Also includes insurance policies.

(d) Consists primarily of funds with holdings in private investment companies. See additional information about the Absolute Return investments below. Holdings in private investment companies are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share as a practical expedient and have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. Their fair values are included in this table to permit reconciliation to the reconciliation of plan assets table above.

The Company's pension plan assets in the U.S. and U.K. represent approximately 95% of the total pension plan assets. The investment objective of these pension plan assets is to achieve solid returns while preserving capital to meet current plan cash flow requirements. Assets should participate in rising markets, with defensive action in declining markets expected to an even greater degree. Depending on market conditions, the broad asset class targets may range up or down by approximately 10%. These asset classes include but are not limited to hedge fund of funds, bonds and other fixed income vehicles, high yield fixed income securities, equities and distressed debt. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, equity securities held by our pension and OPEB plans did not include direct ownership of Albemarle common stock.

The weighted-average target allocations as of the measurement date are as follows:

	Target Allocation
Equity securities	30 %
Fixed income	69 %
Absolute return	1 %

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Our Absolute Return investments consist primarily of our investments in hedge fund of funds. These are holdings in private investment companies with fair values that are based on significant unobservable inputs including assumptions where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. Investment managers or fund managers associated with these investments provide valuations of the investments on a monthly basis utilizing the net asset valuation approach for determining fair values. These valuations are reviewed by the Company for reasonableness based on applicable sector, benchmark and company performance to validate the appropriateness of the net asset values as a fair value measurement. Where available, audited financial statements are obtained and reviewed for the investments as support for the manager's investment valuation. In general, the investment objective of these funds is high risk-adjusted returns with an emphasis on preservation of capital. The investment strategies of each of the funds vary; however, the objective of our Absolute Return investments is complementary to the overall investment objective of our U.S. pension plan assets.

We made contributions to our defined benefit pension and OPEB plans of \$20.4 million, \$19.4 million and \$17.9 million during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. We expect contributions to our domestic nonqualified and foreign qualified and nonqualified pension plans to approximate \$12.5 million in 2026. Also, we expect to pay approximately \$2.0 million in premiums to our U.S. postretirement benefit plan in 2026. However, we may choose to make additional voluntary pension contributions in excess of these amounts.

The current forecast of benefit payments, which reflects expected future service, amounts to (in thousands):

	U.S. Pension Plans	Foreign Pension Plans	Other Postretirement Benefits
2026	\$ 44,432	\$ 14,242	\$ 2,887
2027	\$ 44,105	\$ 13,136	\$ 3,004
2028	\$ 43,627	\$ 14,262	\$ 3,109
2029	\$ 42,856	\$ 16,062	\$ 3,197
2030	\$ 41,763	\$ 13,580	\$ 4,252
2031-2035	\$ 189,846	\$ 66,953	\$ 21,281

We have a supplemental executive retirement plan ("SERP"), which provides unfunded supplemental retirement benefits to certain management or highly compensated employees. The SERP provides for incremental pension benefits to offset the limitations imposed on qualified plan benefits by federal income tax regulations. Costs relating to our SERP were \$0.7 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The projected benefit obligation for the SERP recognized in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2025 and 2024 was \$5.7 million and \$5.9 million, respectively. The benefit expenses and obligations of this SERP are included in the tables above. Benefits of \$0.9 million are expected to be paid to SERP retirees in 2026. On October 1, 2012, our Board of Directors approved amendments to the SERP, such that effective December 31, 2014, no additional benefits shall accrue under this plan and participants' accrued benefits shall be frozen as of that date to reflect the same changes as were made under the U.S. qualified defined benefit plan.

At December 31, 2025, the assumed rate of increase in the pre-65 and post-65 per capita cost of covered health care benefits for U.S. retirees was zero as the employer-paid premium caps (pre-65 and post-65) were met starting January 1, 2013.

Defined Contribution Plans

On March 31, 2004, a new defined contribution pension plan benefit was adopted under the qualified defined contribution plan for U.S. non-represented employees hired after March 31, 2004. On October 1, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved certain plan amendments, such that effective January 1, 2013, the defined contribution pension plan benefit is expanded to include non-represented employees hired prior to March 31, 2004, and revised the contribution for all participants to be based on 5% of eligible employee compensation. Effective January 1, 2025, employees in the Ketjen reportable segment were transferred to a separate defined contribution pension plan with the same terms as their previous plan. The employer portion of contributions to these U.S. defined contribution pension plans amounted to \$15.8 million, \$18.3 million, and \$17.8 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Certain of our employees participate in our defined contribution 401(k) employee savings plan, which is generally available to all U.S. full-time salaried and non-union hourly employees and to employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that provides for such participation. This U.S. defined contribution plan is funded with contributions made by the participants and the Company. Effective January 1, 2025, employees in the Ketjen reportable segment were transferred to a separate defined contribution 401(k) employee savings plan with the same terms as their previous plan. The

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Company's contributions to these 401(k) plans amounted to \$16.8 million, \$20.4 million and \$18.4 million in 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 14—Other Noncurrent Liabilities:

Other noncurrent liabilities consist of the following at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Transition tax on foreign earnings ^(a)	\$ —	\$ 44,647
Operating leases ^(b)	103,110	99,514
Liabilities related to uncertain tax positions ^(c)	259,199	259,586
Executive deferred compensation plan obligation	30,750	38,243
Environmental liabilities ^(d)	16,301	15,783
Asset retirement obligations ^(d)	94,627	94,854
Tax indemnification liability ^(e)	12,089	12,567
Deferred revenue	340,527	78,027
Capital expenditure incentive payables ^(f)	159,424	74,506
Other ^(g)	68,865	101,477
Total	\$ 1,084,892	\$ 819,204

(a) Noncurrent portion of one-time transition tax on foreign earnings. The Company expects to make the final payment in 2026. See Note 20, "Income Taxes," for additional information.

(b) See Note 18, "Leases."

(c) See Note 20, "Income Taxes."

(d) See Note 15, "Commitments and Contingencies."

(e) Indemnification of certain income and non-income tax liabilities, primarily associated with the Chemetall Surface Treatment entities sold in 2016.

(f) When constructing new facilities or making major enhancements to existing facilities, we may have the opportunity to enter into incentive agreements with local government agencies in order to reduce certain state and local tax expenditures. Under these agreements, we transfer the related assets to various local government entities and receive bonds. We immediately lease the facilities from the local government entities and have an option to repurchase the facilities for a nominal amount upon tendering the bonds to the local government entities at various predetermined dates. The bonds and the associated obligations for the leases of the facilities offset values, and the underlying assets are recorded in property, plant and equipment.

(g) No individual component exceeds 5% of total liabilities.

In the normal course of business, amounts received from customers in advance of the Company's satisfaction of its contractual performance obligations are recorded as deferred revenue, and are recognized within Net Sales as the Company satisfies the related performance obligation. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company received \$350 million from a customer for the delivery of specified amounts of spodumene and lithium salts over the next 5 years. \$87.5 million of deferred revenue is expected to be recognized within Net sales over the next twelve months and is reported in Accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheet. There was no deferred revenue recognized in Net sales during the year ended December 31, 2025.

NOTE 15—Commitments and Contingencies:

In the ordinary course of business, we have commitments in connection with various activities. The Company believes that amounts recorded are adequate for known items which might become due in the current year. The most significant commitments are as follows:

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Environmental

The Company had the following activity in our recorded environmental liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 20,023	\$ 34,149	\$ 38,245
Expenditures	(740)	(4,159)	(3,393)
Accretion of discount	849	1,126	1,094
Additions, liability releases and changes in estimates, net	34	(11,304)	(2,541)
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	382	211	744
Balance, end of year	20,548	20,023	34,149
Less amounts reported in Accrued expenses	4,247	4,240	10,925
Amounts reported in Other noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 16,301</u>	<u>\$ 15,783</u>	<u>\$ 23,224</u>

Environmental remediation liabilities included discounted liabilities of \$17.0 million and \$16.8 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, discounted at rates with a weighted-average of 4.0%, with the undiscounted amount totaling \$34.2 million and \$34.5 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The amounts recorded represent our future remediation and other anticipated environmental liabilities. These liabilities typically arise during the normal course of our operational and environmental management activities or at the time of acquisition of the site, and are based on internal analysis as well as input from outside consultants. As evaluations proceed at each relevant site, changes in risk assessment practices, remediation techniques and regulatory requirements can occur, therefore such liability estimates may be adjusted accordingly. The timing and duration of remediation activities at these sites will be determined when evaluations are completed. Although it is difficult to quantify the potential financial impact of these remediation liabilities, management estimates (based on the latest available information) that there is a reasonable possibility that future environmental remediation costs associated with our past operations could represent an additional \$40 million before income taxes, in excess of amounts already recorded.

The Company believes that any sum we may be required to pay in connection with environmental remediation matters in excess of the amounts recorded would likely occur over a period of time and would likely not have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows on a consolidated annual basis although any such sum could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows in a particular quarterly reporting period.

Asset Retirement Obligations

The following is a reconciliation of our beginning and ending asset retirement obligation balances for 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 96,389	\$ 89,159
Additions and changes in estimates	3,993	6,608
Accretion of discount	3,377	3,365
Liabilities settled	(7,914)	(2,653)
Reclass to assets held for sale	(1,001)	—
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	158	(90)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 95,002</u>	<u>\$ 96,389</u>
Less amounts reported in Accrued expenses	375	1,535
Amounts reported in Other noncurrent liabilities	<u>\$ 94,627</u>	<u>\$ 94,854</u>

Asset retirement obligations primarily relate to post-closure reclamation of brine wells and sites involved in the surface mining and manufacturing of lithium. We are not aware of any conditional asset retirement obligations that would require recognition in our consolidated financial statements.

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The Company is involved from time to time in legal proceedings of types regarded as common in our business, including administrative or judicial proceedings seeking remediation under environmental laws, such as the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as CERCLA or Superfund, products liability, breach of contract liability and premises liability litigation. Where appropriate, the Company may establish financial reserves for such proceedings. The Company also maintains insurance to mitigate certain of such risks. Costs for legal services are generally expensed as incurred.

As first reported in 2018, following receipt of information regarding potential improper payments being made by third-party sales representatives of our Refining Solutions business, within what is now the Ketjen segment, the Company investigated and voluntarily self-reported potential violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act to the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the SEC, and also reported this conduct to the Dutch Public Prosecutor ("DPP"). The Company cooperated with these agencies in their investigations of this historical conduct and implemented appropriate remedial measures intended to strengthen our compliance program and related internal controls.

In September 2023, the Company finalized agreements to resolve these matters with the DOJ and SEC, recording a charge of \$218.5 million in Selling, General and Administrative Expenses in its consolidated statement of (loss) income for the year ended December 31, 2023. The DPP confirmed it would not pursue action in this matter. In connection with this resolution, which relates to conduct prior to 2018, the Company entered into a non-prosecution agreement with the DOJ and an administrative resolution with the SEC, pursuant to which the Company paid a total of \$218.5 million in aggregate fines, disgorgement, and prejudgment interest to the DOJ and SEC in October 2023, with this matter considered finalized and no future financial obligations expected. The resolution did not include a compliance monitorship, although the Company agreed to certain ongoing compliance reporting obligations.

In April 2025, the Company concluded its non-prosecution agreement with the DOJ prior to the end of its term in recognition that the terms of the agreement had been satisfied.

Indemnities

The Company is indemnified by third parties in connection with certain matters related to acquired and divested businesses. Although the Company believes that the financial condition of those parties who may have indemnification obligations to the Company is generally sound, in the event the Company seeks indemnity under any of these agreements or through other means, there can be no assurance that any party who may have obligations to indemnify the Company will adhere to their obligations and the Company may have to resort to legal action to enforce our rights under the indemnities.

The Company may be subject to indemnity claims relating to properties or businesses it divested, including properties or businesses of acquired businesses that were divested prior to the completion of the acquisition. In the opinion of management, and based upon information currently available, the ultimate resolution of any indemnification obligations owed to the Company or by the Company is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. The Company had approximately \$12.1 million and \$12.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, recorded in Other noncurrent liabilities primarily related to the indemnification of certain income and non-income tax liabilities associated with the Chemetall Surface Treatment entities sold in 2016.

Other

The Company has standby letters of credit and guarantees with various financial institutions. The following table summarizes our letters of credit and guarantee agreements (in thousands):

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Thereafter
Letters of credit and other guarantees	\$ 91,789	\$ 4,317	\$ 392	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 6,094

The outstanding letters of credit are primarily related to insurance claim payment guarantees. The majority of the Company's other guarantees have terms of one year and mainly consist of performance and environmental guarantees, as well as guarantees to customs and port authorities. The guarantees arose during the ordinary course of business.

The Company does not have recorded reserves for the letters of credit and guarantees as of December 31, 2025. The Company is unable to estimate the maximum amount of the potential future liability under guarantees and letters of credit. However, the Company accrues for any potential loss for which it believes a future payment is probable and a range of loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company believes its liability under such obligations is immaterial.

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The Company currently, and is from time to time, subject to transactional audits in various taxing jurisdictions and to customs audits globally. The Company does not expect the financial impact of any of these audits to have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

NOTE 16—Equity:

Common Stock

Effective May 10, 2024, the Company amended its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the “Charter”) to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, from 150,000,000 to 275,000,000 (the “Charter Amendment”).

Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock

On March 8, 2024, the Company issued 46,000,000 depositary shares (“Depositary Shares”), each representing a 1/20th interest in a share of Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (“Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock”). The 2,300,000 shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock issued have a \$1,000 per share liquidation preference. As a result of this transaction, the Company received cash proceeds of approximately \$2.2 billion, net of underwriting fees and offering costs.

Dividends on the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock are payable on a cumulative basis when, as and if declared by the Albemarle board of directors, or an authorized committee thereof, at an annual rate of 7.25% on the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share, and may be paid in cash or, subject to certain limitations, in shares of common stock or, subject to certain limitations, any combination of cash and shares of common stock. Dividends that are declared on the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will be payable quarterly to the holders of record on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year, immediately preceding the relevant dividend payment date, whether or not such holders convert their Depositary Shares, or such Depositary Shares are automatically converted, after a record date and on or prior to the immediately succeeding dividend payment date. The Company pays a quarterly cash dividend of \$18.125 per share of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock. Dividends are expected to be paid on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year ending on, and including, March 1, 2027.

The Company may not redeem the shares of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock. However, at its option, the Company may purchase the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock from time to time on the open market, by tender offer, exchange offer or otherwise.

Unless converted earlier in accordance with its terms, each share of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically convert on the mandatory conversion date, which is expected to be March 1, 2027, into between 7.618 shares and 9.140 shares of common stock, in each case, subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments described in the certificate of designations related to the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Certificate of Designations”). The number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion will be determined based on the average volume weighted average price per share of common stock over the 20 consecutive trading day period beginning on, and including, the 21st scheduled trading day immediately prior to March 1, 2027.

Holders of shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock have the option to convert all or any portion of their shares of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock at any time. The conversion rate applicable to any early conversion may in certain circumstances be increased to compensate holders of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock for certain unpaid accumulated dividends in the Certificate of Designations.

If a Fundamental Change, as defined in the Certificate of Designations, occurs on or prior to March 1, 2027, then holders of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will be entitled to convert all or any portion of their Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock at the fundamental change conversion rate, as defined in the Certificate of Designations, as for a specified period of time and to also receive an amount to compensate them for certain unpaid accumulated dividends and any remaining future scheduled dividend payments.

There were 2,300,000 shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding at December 31, 2025.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components and activity in Accumulated other comprehensive loss (net of deferred income taxes) consisted of the following during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

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	Foreign Currency Translation and Other	Cash Flow Hedge ^(a)	Total
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ (562,886)	\$ 2,224	\$ (560,662)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	26,337	5,986	32,323
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	66	(135)	(69)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	26,403	5,851	32,254
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(118)	—	(118)
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ (536,601)	\$ 8,075	\$ (528,526)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(210,611)	(28,701)	(239,312)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	77	25,766	25,843
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(210,534)	(2,935)	(213,469)
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(67)	—	(67)
Balance at December 31, 2024	\$ (747,202)	\$ 5,140	\$ (742,062)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	407,817	(194)	407,623
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	56	(234)	(178)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	407,873	(428)	407,445
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(190)	—	(190)
Balance at December 31, 2025	\$ (339,519)	\$ 4,712	\$ (334,807)

- (a) We previously entered into a foreign currency forward contract, which was designated and accounted for as a cash flow hedge under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company dedesignated the remaining foreign currency forward contracts accounted for as cash flow hedges. The related loss was reclassified to Other income, net during the year ended December 31, 2024. The balance of the settled hedged foreign currency forward contracts will be reclassified to earnings over the life of the related assets. See Note 17, "Restructuring Charges and Asset Write-offs," and Note 22, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," for additional information.

The amount of income tax benefit (expense) allocated to each component of Other comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 is provided in the following tables (in thousands):

	Foreign Currency Translation and Other	Cash Flow Hedge	Total
2025			
Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax	\$ 401,689	\$ (428)	\$ 401,261
Income tax benefit	6,184	—	6,184
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	\$ 407,873	\$ (428)	\$ 407,445
2024			
Other comprehensive loss, before tax	\$ (210,522)	\$ (2,935)	\$ (213,457)
Income tax expense	(12)	—	(12)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	\$ (210,534)	\$ (2,935)	\$ (213,469)
2023			
Other comprehensive income, before tax	\$ 23,964	\$ 8,358	\$ 32,322
Income tax benefit (expense)	2,439	(2,507)	(68)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	\$ 26,403	\$ 5,851	\$ 32,254

NOTE 17—Restructuring Charges and Asset Write-offs:*Second Half 2024 Restructuring*

In July 2024, the Company announced a comprehensive review of its cost and operating structure to proactively respond to ongoing industry headwinds, particularly in the lithium value chain, and to maintain a competitive position. As part of this review, the Company made the decision to stop construction of Kemerton Train 3 in Western Australia, and put Kemerton Train 2 into care and maintenance, as the Company determined the current lithium price environment makes it less economical to expand conversion in Australia. Kemerton Train 1 will continue to operate and activity around it is currently focused on commercialization efforts. Additionally, as part of this restructuring plan, the Company placed the Chengdu, China conversion plant into care and maintenance during the first half of 2025. Production from the Chengdu site has been transferred to another processing facility in China.

The Company's actions regarding Kemerton are part of a broader effort focused on preserving its world-class resource advantages, optimizing its global conversion network, improving the Company's cost competitiveness and efficiency by lowering operating costs, reducing capital intensity and enhancing the Company's financial flexibility. As part of this effort, effective November 1, 2024, the Company transitioned its operating structure to a fully integrated functional model (excluding Ketjen) from a global business unit model. As a result, the Company implemented a global workforce reduction that impacted 6-7% of total headcount during the second half of 2024.

Since inception, the Company has recorded charges for this plan consisting of asset write-offs of \$726.0 million, severance and employee benefits of \$53.4 million, contract cancellation costs of \$38.4 million and other (primarily consisting of the reclassification of the related dedesignated cash flow hedge from Accumulated other comprehensive loss) of \$41.1 million. Charges related to Second Half 2024 Restructuring were primarily recorded in the Energy Storage segment, with the exception of severance and employee benefits, which were recorded globally in Corporate and all segments. The Company does not expect any further material costs associated with the Second Half 2024 Restructuring.

First Half 2024 Restructuring

In January 2024, the Company announced measures to unlock near-term cash flow and generate long-term financial flexibility by re-phasing organic growth investments and optimizing its cost structure. As part of these measures, during the second quarter of 2024, the Company indefinitely suspended construction of Kemerton Train 4, as well as deferred spending and investments with respect to certain other capital projects, primarily within the Energy Storage segment. In addition, the Company recorded severance costs for employees in Corporate and each of the businesses as part of these announced measures. As a result, since inception, the Company has recorded charges for this plan consisting of asset write-offs of \$280.6 million, severance and employee benefits of \$18.9 million, contract cancellation costs of \$24.9 million and other (primarily consisting of the reclassification of the related dedesignated cash flow hedge from Accumulated other comprehensive loss) of \$5.4 million. No further costs associated with the First Half 2024 Restructuring are expected to be recorded as this restructuring plan was completed in the first half of 2024.

2023 Restructuring

During the year ended December 31, 2023, \$9.5 million of separation and other severance costs to employees in Corporate and the Ketjen business were recorded in Restructuring charges and asset write-offs.

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The following table provides details of our restructuring related charges for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2025				
	Asset Write-offs ^(a)	Severance and Employee Benefits ^(b)	Contract Cancellation Costs ^(c)	Other ^(d)	Total
Second Half 2024 Restructuring ^(e)	\$ (6,878)	\$ 2,184	\$ 1,059	\$ 11,528	\$ 7,893

	Year Ended December 31, 2024				
	Asset Write-offs ^(a)	Severance and Employee Benefits ^(b)	Contract Cancellation Costs ^(c)	Other ^(d)	Total
First Half 2024 Restructuring ^(e)	\$ 280,596	\$ 18,856	\$ 24,887	\$ 5,374	\$ 329,713
Second Half 2024 Restructuring ^(e)	732,907	51,264	37,370	29,552	851,093
	<u>\$ 1,013,503</u>	<u>\$ 70,120</u>	<u>\$ 62,257</u>	<u>\$ 34,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,180,806</u>

- (a) In 2025, the Company received proceeds for certain Kemerton equipment and updated its estimates concerning the progress of construction activities and related contractual obligations, resulting in a net favorable adjustment of asset write-offs. In 2024, asset write-offs included \$16.5 million recorded in Cost of goods sold, primarily related to work in process inventory with no future value as a result of the decommissioning of Kemerton Train 2 that was placed into care and maintenance. The remainder of the asset write-offs primarily related to property, plant and equipment of the in-construction Kemerton Trains 3 and 4, and Kemerton Train 2 that was placed into care and maintenance. Asset write-off charges not related to inventories and changes in estimates were recorded in Restructuring charges and asset write-offs.
- (b) In 2024, severance and employee benefit charges included \$3.8 million recorded in Cost of goods sold. All other severance and employee benefit charges for global employees terminated during the various restructuring programs were recorded in Restructuring charges and asset write-offs.
- (c) Includes cancellation fees for contractors and required payments under take or pay contracts. All contract cancellation costs and favorable adjustments were recorded in Restructuring charges and asset write-offs.
- (d) Other includes costs to put Kemerton Train 2 and the Chengdu, China conversion plant into care and maintenance and similar restructuring costs, and are recorded in Restructuring charges and asset write-offs. In addition, Other also includes the reclassification of the related dedesignated cash flow hedge from Accumulated other comprehensive loss. A loss of \$20.7 million was recorded in Other income, net for the year ended December 31, 2024 related to the Second Half 2024 Restructuring and a loss of \$5.4 million was recorded in Other income, net for the year ended December 31, 2024 related to the First Half 2024 Restructuring.
- (e) Severance and employee benefits related to Corporate and all segments. All other restructuring costs were primarily recorded in the Energy Storage segment.

Restructuring charges related to severance and employee benefits of \$9.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2023 were recorded in Restructuring charges and asset write-offs and are reported in Corporate and the Ketjen segment.

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The following tables summarize the changes in restructuring liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2025 (in thousands):

<i>Second Half 2024 Restructuring</i>	Asset Write-offs	Severance and Employee Benefits	Contract Cancellation Costs	Other	Total
Beginning balance at December 31, 2024	\$ —	\$ 15,867	\$ 32,479	\$ 8,811	\$ 57,157
2025 charges	2,142	5,398	1,000	11,528	20,068
Change in estimate ^(a)	(9,020)	(3,214)	59	—	(12,175)
Cash payments	—	(16,657)	(17,212)	(3,968)	(37,837)
Asset write-off/hedge dedesignation	6,878	—	—	(11,528)	(4,650)
Foreign currency translation adjustments and other	—	(279)	(168)	—	(447)
Ending balance at December 31, 2025 ^(b)	\$ —	\$ 1,115	\$ 16,158	\$ 4,843	\$ 22,116

<i>First Half 2024 Restructuring</i>	Asset Write-offs	Severance and Employee Benefits	Contract Cancellation Costs	Other	Total
Beginning balance at December 31, 2024	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,767	\$ —	\$ 2,767
Cash payments	—	—	(1,742)	—	(1,742)
Other	—	—	(1,025)	—	(1,025)
Ending balance at December 31, 2025	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

- (a) In 2025, the Company received proceeds for certain Kemerton equipment and updated its estimates concerning the progress of construction activities and related contractual obligation, as well as updated estimates of severance charges in the U.S., resulting in a favorable adjustment of asset write-offs and severance and employee benefits. Additionally, the Company negotiated revised contract cancellation costs with key suppliers, which resulted in adjustments of the restructuring related charges.
- (b) Approximately \$15.9 million of the remaining balance is expected to be paid in the next twelve months and are recorded in Accrued expenses as of December 31, 2025. \$6.2 million of the liability is recorded in Other noncurrent liabilities as of December 31, 2025, and relates to certain take or pay liabilities that will be paid in line with the terms of the original contract through 2027.

Subsequent Event

In connection with the Company's ongoing review of its cost and operating structure, in February 2026 the Company determined it will put the Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance. As a result, the Company expects to record cash-related charges primarily in 2026 in the range of approximately \$150 million to \$225 million, of which approximately \$75 million to \$90 million consists of decommissioning costs and approximately \$20 million to \$30 million of asset disposal costs, with the remainder related to contract cancellation costs, severance and other associated charges resulting from placing Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance (the "Cost Actions"). The Company's estimated range of the charges for these Cost Actions takes into account initial estimates for these activities and could change as the actions progress. The majority of the Cost Actions associated with these charges are expected to be completed in 2026, with the remainder expected to be completed in 2027.

NOTE 18—Leases:

We lease certain office space, buildings, transportation and equipment in various countries. The initial lease terms generally range from 1 to 30 years for real estate leases, and from 2 to 15 years for non-real estate leases. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the balance sheet, and we recognize lease expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Many leases include options to terminate or renew, with renewal terms that can extend the lease term from 1 to 50 years or more. The exercise of lease renewal options is at our sole discretion. Certain leases also include options to purchase the leased property. The depreciable life of assets and leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term, unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. Our lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

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The following table provides details of our lease contracts for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Operating lease cost	\$ 36,507	\$ 37,331	\$ 48,238
Finance lease cost:			
Amortization of right of use assets	7,824	7,270	5,302
Interest on lease liabilities	6,418	6,435	5,070
Total finance lease cost	14,242	13,705	10,372
Short-term lease cost	24,977	25,651	20,309
Variable lease cost	48,122	34,741	25,075
Total lease cost	\$ 123,848	\$ 111,428	\$ 103,994

Supplemental cash flow information related to our lease contracts for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 is as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:			
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 35,552	\$ 35,638	\$ 49,261
Operating cash flows from finance leases	6,401	9,681	4,671
Financing cash flows from finance leases	4,982	4,982	2,165
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations:			
Operating leases	44,314	25,605	48,655
Finance leases	—	12,706	46,773

Supplemental balance sheet information related to our lease contracts, including the location on balance sheet, at December 31, 2025 and 2024 is as follows (in thousands, except as noted):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Operating leases:		
Other assets	\$ 116,404	\$ 118,839
Accrued expenses	24,561	32,626
Other noncurrent liabilities	103,110	99,514
Total operating lease liabilities	127,671	132,140
Finance leases:		
Net property, plant and equipment	103,915	117,038
Current portion of long-term debt	4,077	5,183
Long-term debt	102,719	113,613
Total finance lease liabilities	106,796	118,796
Weighted average remaining lease term (in years):		
Operating leases	13.4	12.9
Finance leases	20.5	20.4
Weighted average discount rate (%):		
Operating leases	5.01 %	4.47 %
Finance leases	5.47 %	5.55 %

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Maturities of lease liabilities as of December 31, 2025 were as follows (in thousands):

	Operating Leases	Finance Leases
2026	\$ 28,150	\$ 9,852
2027	23,571	9,783
2028	19,518	9,645
2029	17,941	9,645
2030	12,904	8,997
Thereafter	99,324	122,808
Total lease payments	201,408	170,730
Less imputed interest	73,737	63,934
Total	\$ 127,671	\$ 106,796

NOTE 19—Stock-based Compensation Expense:
Incentive Plans

We have various share-based compensation plans that authorize the granting of (i) qualified and non-qualified stock options to purchase shares of our common stock, (ii) restricted stock and restricted stock units, (iii) performance unit awards and (iv) stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) to employees and non-employee directors, at our option. Stock options granted to employees generally vest over three years and have a term of ten years. Restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards vest in periods ranging from one to five years from the date of grant. Performance unit awards are earned at a level ranging from 0% to 200% contingent upon the achievement of specific performance criteria over periods ranging from one to three years. Distribution of earned units occurs generally 50% upon completion of the applicable measurement period with the remaining 50% distributed one year thereafter.

In May 2017, the Company adopted the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan (the “Incentive Plan”), which replaced the Albemarle Corporation 2008 Incentive Plan. The maximum number of shares available for issuance to participants under the Incentive Plan is 4,500,000 shares. The adoption of the Incentive Plan did not affect awards already granted under the Albemarle Corporation 2008 Incentive Plan. In February 2023, the Company adopted the Albemarle Corporation 2023 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the “Non-Employee Directors Plan”). The Non-Employee Directors Plan replaced the 2013 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which expired by its terms in May 2023. Under the Non-Employee Directors Plan, a maximum aggregate number of 500,000 shares of our common stock is authorized for issuance to the Company’s non-employee directors; any shares remaining available for issuance under the prior plans were canceled. The aggregate fair market value of shares that may be issued to a director during any compensation year (as defined in the Non-Employee Directors Plan, generally July 1 to June 30) shall not exceed \$750,000. At December 31, 2025, there were 2,015,321 shares available for grant under the Incentive Plan and 455,344 shares available for grant under the Non-Employee Directors Plan.

Total stock-based compensation expense associated with our incentive plans for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$36.6 million, \$33.1 million and \$39.0 million, respectively, and is included in Cost of goods sold and Selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of (loss) income. Total related recognized tax benefits for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 amounted to \$0.3 million, \$2.7 million and \$4.6 million, respectively.

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The following table summarizes information about the Company's fixed-price stock options as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	555,656	\$ 126.38	5.9	\$ 1,255
Granted	226,844	78.97		
Exercised	(48,104)	67.38		
Forfeited	(29,197)	98.75		
Outstanding at December 31, 2025	<u>705,199</u>	\$ 116.30	6.4	\$ 26,079
Exercisable at December 31, 2025	<u>479,837</u>	\$ 121.06	5.3	\$ 16,189

We granted 226,844, 165,350 and 51,316 stock options during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. There were no significant modifications made to any share-based grants during these periods.

The fair value of each option granted during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Dividend yield	1.42 %	1.43 %	1.26 %
Volatility	44.74 %	42.44 %	40.06 %
Average expected life (years)	6	6	6
Risk-free interest rate	4.29 %	4.33 %	3.95 %
Fair value of options granted	\$ 33.80	\$ 48.70	\$ 98.66

Dividend yield is the average of historical yields and those estimated over the average expected life. The stock volatility is based on historical volatilities of our common stock. The average expected life represents the weighted average period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding giving consideration to vesting schedules and our historical exercise patterns. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury strip rate with stripped coupon interest for the period equal to the contractual term of the share option grant in effect at the time of grant.

The intrinsic value of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$1.8 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. The intrinsic value of a stock option is the amount by which the market value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price of the option.

Total compensation cost not yet recognized for nonvested stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2025 is approximately \$4.3 million and is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted-average period of 1.8 years. Cash proceeds from stock options exercised and tax benefits related to stock options exercised were \$3.2 million and \$0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2025, respectively. The Company issues new shares of common stock upon exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted common stock awards.

The following table summarizes activity in performance unit awards as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Nonvested, beginning of period	277,028	\$ 183.16
Granted	232,976	86.91
Vested	(75,950)	187.60
Forfeited	(30,214)	116.06
Nonvested, end of period	<u>403,840</u>	131.76

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The weighted average grant date fair value of performance unit awards granted in the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$20.2 million, \$21.8 million and \$22.9 million, respectively. For all periods presented, half of the performance unit awards granted were based on the targeted return on invested capital ("ROIC Award"), while the other half were granted based on targeted market conditions ("TSR Award"). The fair value of each TSR Award was estimated on the date of grant using the Monte Carlo simulation model as these equity awards are tied to a service and market condition. The calculation used the following weighted-average assumptions:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Volatility	52.48 %	49.11 %	50.41 %
Risk-free interest rate	3.97 %	4.41 %	4.51 %

The weighted average fair value of performance unit awards that vested during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$5.9 million, \$9.5 million and \$17.2 million, respectively, based on the closing prices of our common stock on the dates of vesting. Total compensation cost not yet recognized for nonvested performance unit awards outstanding as of December 31, 2025 is approximately \$16.2 million, calculated based on current expectation of specific performance criteria, and is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted-average period of approximately 1.5 years. Each performance unit represents one share of common stock.

The following table summarizes activity in non-performance based restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Nonvested, beginning of period	206,582	\$ 152.75
Granted	243,613	74.10
Vested	(138,285)	131.77
Forfeited	(33,969)	104.99
Nonvested, end of period	277,941	100.27

The weighted average grant date fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards granted in the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$18.1 million, \$15.4 million and \$19.4 million, respectively. The weighted average fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards that vested in the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was \$14.5 million, \$10.0 million and \$38.8 million, respectively, based on the closing prices of our common stock on the dates of vesting. Total compensation cost not yet recognized for nonvested, non-performance based restricted stock and restricted stock units as of December 31, 2025 is approximately \$12.5 million and is expected to be recognized over a remaining weighted-average period of 1.6 years. The fair value of the non-performance based restricted stock and restricted stock units was estimated on the date of grant adjusted for a dividend factor, if necessary.

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NOTE 20—Income Taxes:

Income before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments, and current and deferred income tax expense (benefit) are composed of the following (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Income before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments:			
Domestic	\$ (624,724)	\$ 201,266	\$ (461,897)
Foreign	72,651	(1,965,091)	708,635
Total	<u>\$ (552,073)</u>	<u>\$ (1,763,825)</u>	<u>\$ 246,738</u>
Current income tax expense (benefit):			
Federal	\$ (11,226)	\$ 212,542	\$ (54,250)
State	1,683	(450)	(3,395)
Foreign	85,255	105,399	387,045
Total	<u>\$ 75,712</u>	<u>\$ 317,491</u>	<u>\$ 329,400</u>
Deferred income tax expense (benefit):			
Federal	\$ 53,058	\$ (172,464)	\$ (8,545)
State	21,183	1,523	(4,154)
Foreign	6,928	(59,465)	113,576
Total	<u>\$ 81,169</u>	<u>\$ (230,406)</u>	<u>\$ 100,877</u>
Total income tax expense	<u>\$ 156,881</u>	<u>\$ 87,085</u>	<u>\$ 430,277</u>

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Following the adoption and prospective application of Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2023-09, the reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory rate to the effective income tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2025 is as follows (in thousands, except percentages):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	
	\$	%
Federal statutory rate	\$ (115,935)	21.0 %
State and local income tax, net of federal tax effect ^(a)	22,513	(4.1)
Foreign tax effects:		
<i>China</i>		
Statutory tax rate difference	5,318	(1.0)
Change in valuation allowance	8,692	(1.6)
Other	(2,885)	0.5
<i>Chile</i>		
Statutory tax rate difference	2,200	(0.4)
State and local income tax (mining tax)	7,066	(1.3)
Non-deductible payments	7,265	(1.3)
Other	2,430	(0.4)
<i>Jordan</i>		
Statutory tax rate difference	3,580	(0.6)
Tax rate incentive	(28,639)	5.2
<i>Netherlands</i>		
Statutory tax rate difference	(7,929)	1.4
Non-deductible goodwill impairment	46,712	(8.4)
Pillar two tax impact	10,855	(2.0)
Return to provision	(7,860)	1.4
Other	(3,487)	0.6
<i>United Kingdom</i>		
Non-deductible payments	16,858	(3.1)
Other	2,752	(0.5)
<i>Other foreign jurisdictions</i>	15,103	(2.7)
Effect of cross-border tax laws:		
Subpart F income	5,573	(1.0)
Outside basis difference	(79,899)	14.5
Tax credits:		
Research and development	(1,748)	0.3
Change in valuation allowance	192,584	(34.9)
Non-taxable or non-deductible items:		
Long-lived asset impairment	51,576	(9.3)
Section 162(m) limitation	7,876	(1.4)
Other, net	(2,413)	0.5
Change in unrecognized tax benefits	(1,277)	0.2
Effective income tax rate	<u>\$ 156,881</u>	<u>(28.4)%</u>

(a) State taxes in Louisiana and Pennsylvania made up the majority (greater than 50%) of the tax effect in this category.

The reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory rate to the effective income tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

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	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Federal statutory rate	21.0 %	21.0 %
State taxes, net of federal tax effect	—	(2.8)
Change in valuation allowance ^(a)	(26.0)	98.8
Impact of foreign earnings, net ^(b)	3.3	7.7
Global intangible low tax inclusion	—	4.2
Section 162(m) limitation	(0.3)	4.4
Subpart F income	(0.3)	(1.9)
Stock-based compensation	—	(3.9)
Depletion	0.3	(2.4)
U.S. federal return to provision	0.1	(6.1)
Change in unrecognized tax benefits ^(c)	(2.1)	39.1
Legal accrual	—	18.6
Other, net	(0.9)	(2.3)
Effective income tax rate	(4.9)%	174.4 %

- (a) Our statutory rate is decreased by our share of the income of JBC, a Free Zones company under the laws of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The applicable provisions of the Jordanian law, and applicable regulations thereunder, do not have a termination provision and the exemption is indefinite. As a Free Zones company, JBC is not subject to income taxes on the profits of products exported from Jordan, and currently, substantially all of the profits are from exports. This resulted in a rate benefit of 1.2%, and 20.1% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- (b) Due to the Company being in a three-year cumulative loss position in China as of December 31, 2023, and Australia as of December 31, 2024, the year ended December 31, 2024 includes a valuation allowance of \$271.0 million on current year losses in certain Chinese entities and the establishment of a valuation of \$254.9 million on current year losses in the Company's Australian entities. In addition, the year ended December 31, 2024 includes benefits of \$70.1 million due to the release of a foreign valuation allowance due to changes in expected profitability.
- (c) The year ended December 31, 2024 includes a \$37.0 million expense recorded for a current year tax reserve related to an uncertain tax position in Chile.

Following the adoption and prospective application of ASU 2023-09, income taxes paid (net of refunds) are composed of the following (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31, 2025
Federal income taxes paid (net of refunds)	\$ 23,459
State income taxes paid (net of refunds) ^(a)	(1,645)
Foreign	
Australia	(33,377)
Belgium	(10,627)
Canada	7,762
Chile	113,485
China	5,784
Germany	13,825
Japan	12,427
Netherlands	3,712
Taiwan	10,195
Other	7,482
Total foreign income taxes paid (net of refunds)	130,668
Total income taxes paid (net of refunds)	\$ 152,482

- (a) Income taxes paid to state jurisdictions are individually immaterial.

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Deferred income tax assets and liabilities recorded on the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 consist of the following (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Deferred tax assets:		
Accrued employee benefits	\$ 34,045	\$ 32,993
Operating loss carryovers	2,338,465	1,841,399
Pensions	17,360	17,148
Inventory reserves	12,221	27,974
Tax credit carryovers	15,333	11,228
Outside basis difference	83,646	—
Capitalized research and development	28,361	41,938
Lease liability	51,735	53,968
Other	24,818	62,406
Gross deferred tax assets	2,605,984	2,089,054
Valuation allowance	(2,107,936)	(1,736,456)
Deferred tax assets	498,048	352,598
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation	(609,494)	(456,231)
Intangibles	(41,757)	(49,676)
Right of use asset	(47,414)	(48,951)
Outside basis difference	—	(51,971)
Other	(150,116)	(50,190)
Deferred tax liabilities	(848,781)	(657,019)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ (350,733)	\$ (304,421)
Classification in the consolidated balance sheets:		
Noncurrent deferred tax assets	\$ 17,542	\$ 53,608
Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	(368,275)	(358,029)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$ (350,733)	\$ (304,421)

Changes in the balance of our deferred tax asset valuation allowance are as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Balance at January 1	\$ (1,736,456)	\$ (1,349,924)	\$ (1,087,505)
Additions	(394,829)	(519,169)	(262,469)
Deductions	20,092	132,637	50
Reclass to assets held for sale	3,257	—	—
Balance at December 31	\$ (2,107,936)	\$ (1,736,456)	\$ (1,349,924)

At December 31, 2025, the Company had approximately \$15.3 million of domestic credits available to offset future payments of income taxes, expiring in varying amounts between 2026 and 2046. The Company has established full valuation allowances for those domestic credits since it believes that it is more likely than not that the related deferred tax assets will not be realized.

At December 31, 2025, the Company has, on a pre-tax basis, domestic federal and state net operating losses of \$1.3 billion, which have pre-tax valuation allowances of \$1.3 billion established. \$297.2 million of these domestic net operating losses expire between 2026 and 2042 and \$1.0 billion have no expiration date. In addition, the Company has, on a pre-tax basis, \$8.6 billion of foreign net operating losses, which have pre-tax valuation allowances for \$8.5 billion established. \$636.5 million of these foreign net operating losses expire in 2028, \$1.3 billion expire in 2029, \$20.8 million expire in 2030, \$2.9 billion expire in 2035, \$229.3 million expire in 2036, \$21.8 million expire in 2037, \$752.6 million expire in 2042 and \$2.6 billion have an indefinite life. The Company has established valuation allowances for these deferred tax assets since it believes that it is

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more likely than not that the related deferred tax assets will not be realized. For the same reason, the Company established pre-tax valuation allowances of \$555.7 million for federal, state and foreign deferred tax assets unrelated to net operating losses. The realization of the deferred tax assets is dependent on the generation of sufficient taxable income in the appropriate tax jurisdictions. Although realization is not assured, the Company believes it is more likely than not that the remaining deferred tax assets will be realized. However, the amount considered realizable could be reduced if estimates of future taxable income change.

The TCJA imposed a mandatory transition tax on accumulated foreign earnings and generally eliminated U.S. taxes on foreign subsidiary distribution with the exception of foreign withholding taxes and other foreign local tax. The Company generally does not provide for taxes related to its undistributed earnings its foreign subsidiaries and joint ventures because such earnings either would not be taxable when remitted or they are considered to be indefinitely reinvested. If in the foreseeable future, the Company can no longer demonstrate that these earnings are indefinitely reinvested, a deferred tax liability will be recognized. A determination of the amount of the unrecognized deferred tax liability related to these undistributed earnings is not practicable due to the complexity and variety of assumptions necessary based on the manner in which the undistributed earnings would be repatriated.

Liabilities related to uncertain tax positions were \$259.2 million and \$259.6 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, inclusive of interest and penalties of \$65.4 million and \$71.0 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, and are reported in Other noncurrent liabilities as provided in Note 14, "Other Noncurrent Liabilities." These liabilities at December 31, 2025 and 2024 were reduced by \$75.8 million and \$74.8 million, respectively, for offsetting benefits from the corresponding effects of potential transfer pricing adjustments, state and local income taxes, and rate arbitrage related to foreign structure. These offsetting benefits are recorded in Other assets as provided in Note 9, "Other Assets." The resulting net liability of \$118.0 million, excluding interest and penalties, as of December 31, 2025 would favorably affect earnings if recognized and released, as would the net liability of \$113.8 million, excluding interest and penalties, have as of December 31, 2024.

The liabilities related to uncertain tax positions, exclusive of interest, were \$193.8 million and \$188.8 million at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The following is a reconciliation of our total gross liability related to uncertain tax positions for 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Balance at January 1	\$ 188,826	\$ 178,785	\$ 72,162
Additions for tax positions related to prior years	—	31	6,216
Additions for tax positions related to current year	5,653	10,989	101,179
Lapses in statutes of limitations/settlements	(547)	(1,038)	(770)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(132)	59	(2)
Balance at December 31	<u>\$ 193,800</u>	<u>\$ 188,826</u>	<u>\$ 178,785</u>

The Company is subject to income taxes in the U.S. and numerous foreign jurisdictions. Due to the statute of limitations, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax audits by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for years prior to 2022. Due to the statute of limitations, the Company is also no longer subject to U.S. state income tax audits prior to 2019.

With respect to jurisdictions outside the U.S., several audits are in process. The Company has audits ongoing for the years 2017 through 2024 related to Australia, Belgium, Canada, Chile and Germany, some of which are for entities that have since been divested.

While the Company believes it has adequately provided for all tax positions, amounts asserted by taxing authorities could be greater than our accrued position. Accordingly, additional provisions on federal and foreign tax-related matters could be recorded in the future as revised estimates are made or the underlying matters are settled or otherwise resolved.

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NOTE 21—Earnings Per Share:

Basic and diluted (loss) earnings per share are calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Basic (loss) earnings per share			
Numerator:			
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (510,628)	\$ (1,179,449)	\$ 1,573,476
Mandatory convertible preferred stock dividends	(166,750)	(136,647)	—
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation common shareholders	<u>\$ (677,378)</u>	<u>\$ (1,316,096)</u>	<u>\$ 1,573,476</u>
Denominator:			
Weighted-average common shares for basic (loss) earnings per share	117,664	117,516	117,317
Basic (loss) earnings per share	<u>\$ (5.76)</u>	<u>\$ (11.20)</u>	<u>\$ 13.41</u>
Diluted (loss) earnings per share			
Numerator:			
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	\$ (510,628)	\$ (1,179,449)	\$ 1,573,476
Mandatory convertible preferred stock dividends	(166,750)	(136,647)	—
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation common shareholders	<u>\$ (677,378)</u>	<u>\$ (1,316,096)</u>	<u>\$ 1,573,476</u>
Denominator:			
Weighted-average common shares for basic (loss) earnings per share	117,664	117,516	117,317
Incremental shares under stock compensation plans	—	—	449
Weighted-average common shares for diluted (loss) earnings per share	<u>117,664</u>	<u>117,516</u>	<u>117,766</u>
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	<u>\$ (5.76)</u>	<u>\$ (11.20)</u>	<u>\$ 13.36</u>

The following table summarizes the number of shares, calculated on a weighted average basis, not included in the computation of diluted (loss) earnings per share because their effect would have been anti-dilutive (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Shares assuming the conversion of the mandatory convertible preferred stock	20,709	16,932	—
Shares under the stock compensation plan	1,413	1,064	158

Included in the calculation of basic (loss) earnings per share are unvested restricted stock awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends. At December 31, 2025, there were 13,625 unvested shares of restricted stock awards outstanding.

We have the authority to issue 15,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more classes or series. As of December 31, 2025, 2,300,000 shares of preferred stock have been issued.

In November 2016, our Board of Directors authorized an increase in the number of shares the Company is permitted to repurchase under our share repurchase program, pursuant to which the Company is now permitted to repurchase up to a maximum of 15,000,000 shares, including those previously authorized but not yet repurchased.

There were no shares of the Company's common stock repurchased during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 or 2023. As of December 31, 2025, there were 7,396,263 remaining shares available for repurchase under the Company's authorized share repurchase program.

NOTE 22—Fair Value of Financial Instruments:

In assessing the fair value of financial instruments, we use methods and assumptions that are based on market conditions and other risk factors existing at the time of assessment. Fair value information for our financial instruments is as follows:

Long-Term Debt—the fair values of our notes are estimated using Level 1 inputs and account for the difference between the recorded amount and fair value of our long-term debt. The carrying value of our remaining long-term debt reported in the

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accompanying consolidated balance sheets approximates fair value as substantially all of such debt bears interest based on prevailing variable market rates currently available in the countries in which we have borrowings.

	December 31,			
	2025		2024	
	Recorded Amount	Fair Value	Recorded Amount	Fair Value
(In thousands)				
Long-term debt	\$ 3,207,210	\$ 3,112,590	\$ 3,532,713	\$ 3,332,064

During the fourth quarter of 2019, we entered into a foreign currency forward contract to hedge the cash flow exposure of non-functional currency purchases during the construction of the Kemerton plant in Australia. This derivative financial instrument is used to manage risk and is not used for trading or other speculative purposes. This foreign currency forward contract has been designated as a hedging instrument under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. As a result of the actions taken at Kemerton Trains 3 and 4 during 2024, the Company dedesignated the remaining hedged foreign currency forward contracts. The Company recorded a loss in Other income, net of \$26.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2024 from the reclassification of the hedged balance from Accumulated other comprehensive loss. The balance of the settled hedged foreign currency forward contracts associated with the construction of Kemerton Trains 1 and 2 assets that had been placed into service will be reclassified to earnings over the life of the related assets.

In connection with our risk management strategies, we also enter into other derivative financial instruments that have not been designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*. These derivative financial instruments are used to manage risk and are not used for trading or other speculative purposes. At December 31, 2025 and 2024, we had outstanding non-designated derivative financial instruments with notional values totaling \$2.4 billion and \$6.9 billion, respectively. The non-designated derivative financial instruments are primarily comprised of foreign currency forward contracts that attempt to minimize the financial impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The fair values of our non-designated foreign currency forward contracts are estimated based on current settlement values. At December 31, 2025, these foreign currency forward contracts hedge our exposure to various currencies including the Chinese Renminbi, Euro and Australian Dollar.

The following table summarizes the fair value of our derivative financial instruments included in the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31,			
	2025		2024	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Not designated as hedging instruments				
Other current assets	\$ 2,163	\$ —	\$ 4,347	\$ —
Accrued expenses	—	4,781	—	6,586
Other noncurrent liabilities	—	—	—	4,766
Total not designated as hedging instruments	\$ 2,163	\$ 4,781	\$ 4,347	\$ 11,352

The following table summarizes the net (losses) gains recognized for our derivative financial instruments during the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Designated as hedging instruments:			
(Loss) gain recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (194)	\$ (28,701)	\$ 5,986
Gain (loss) recognized in Other income, net	\$ 234	\$ (25,766)	\$ 135
Not designated as hedging instruments:			
Gain (loss) recognized in Other income, net ^(a)	\$ 118,802	\$ (14,728)	\$ 213,378

- (a) Fluctuations in the value of our foreign currency forward contracts not designated as hedging instruments are generally expected to be offset by changes in the value of the underlying exposures being hedged, which are also reported in Other income, net.

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In addition, for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, we recorded net cash receipts (settlements) of \$114.2 million, (\$9.8) million and \$218.0 million, respectively, in Proceeds (payments) from settlement of foreign currency forward contracts, net, in our consolidated statements of cash flows.

Unrealized gains and losses related to the cash flow hedges are reclassified to earnings over the life of the related assets that had been placed into service.

The counterparties to our foreign currency forward contracts are major financial institutions with which we generally have other financial relationships. We are exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by these counterparties. However, we do not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparties.

NOTE 23—Fair Value Measurement:

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). The inputs used to measure fair value are classified into the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

We endeavor to utilize the best available information in measuring fair value. Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following tables set forth our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 (in thousands):

	December 31, 2025	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Similar Items (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Investments under executive deferred compensation plan ^(a)	\$ 30,750	\$ 30,750	\$ —	\$ —
Public equity securities ^(b)	\$ 29,047	\$ 29,047	\$ —	\$ —
Private equity securities measured at net asset value ^{(c)(d)}	\$ 4,515	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Derivative financial instruments ^(e)	\$ 2,163	\$ —	\$ 2,163	\$ —
Liabilities:				
Obligations under executive deferred compensation plan ^(a)	\$ 30,750	\$ 30,750	\$ —	\$ —
Derivative financial instruments ^(e)	\$ 4,781	\$ —	\$ 4,781	\$ —
	December 31, 2024	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Items (Level 1)	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Similar Items (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Available for sale debt securities ^(f)	\$ 313,991	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 313,991
Investments under executive deferred compensation plan ^(a)	\$ 38,243	\$ 38,243	\$ —	\$ —
Public equity securities ^(b)	\$ 17,910	\$ 17,910	\$ —	\$ —
Private equity securities measured at net asset value ^{(c)(d)}	\$ 4,472	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Derivative financial instruments ^(e)	\$ 4,347	\$ —	\$ 4,347	\$ —
Liabilities:				
Obligations under executive deferred compensation plan ^(a)	\$ 38,243	\$ 38,243	\$ —	\$ —
Derivative financial instruments ^(e)	\$ 11,352	\$ —	\$ 11,352	\$ —

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- (a) We maintain an EDCP that was adopted in 2001 and subsequently amended. The purpose of the EDCP is to provide current tax planning opportunities as well as supplemental funds upon the retirement or death of certain of our employees. The EDCP is intended to aid in attracting and retaining employees of exceptional ability by providing them with these benefits. We also maintain a Benefit Protection Trust (the "Trust") that was created to provide a source of funds to assist in meeting the obligations of the EDCP, subject to the claims of our creditors in the event of our insolvency. Assets of the Trust are consolidated in accordance with authoritative guidance. The assets of the Trust consist primarily of mutual fund investments (which are accounted for as trading securities and are marked-to-market on a monthly basis through the consolidated statements of (loss) income) and cash and cash equivalents. As such, these assets and obligations are classified within Level 1.
- (b) Holdings in equity securities of public companies reported in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. The fair value is measured using publicly available share prices of the investments, and as a result these balances are classified within Level 1. Any changes are reported in Other income, net, in our consolidated statements of (loss) income. See Note 8, "Investments," for further details.
- (c) Primarily consists of private equity securities reported in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. The changes in fair value are reported in Other income, net in our consolidated statements of (loss) income.
- (d) Holdings in certain private equity securities are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient and have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy.
- (e) The derivative financial instruments are primarily comprised of foreign currency forward contracts. As a result of our global operating and financing activities, we are exposed to market risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates which may adversely affect our operating results and financial position. When deemed appropriate, we minimize our risks from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations through the use of foreign currency forward contracts. The foreign currency forward contracts are valued using broker quotations or market transactions in either the listed or over-the-counter markets. As such, these derivative instruments are classified within Level 2. See Note 22, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," for further details about our foreign currency forward contracts.
- (f) Preferred equity of a Grace subsidiary acquired as a portion of the proceeds of the FCS sale on June 1, 2021. A third-party estimate of the fair value was prepared using expected future cash flows over the period up to when the asset was likely to be redeemed, applying a discount rate that appropriately captures a market participant's view of the risk associated with the investment. These were considered to be Level 3 inputs. In June 2025, the Company redeemed the preferred equity and we derecognized the investment from the consolidated balance sheet. See Note 8, "Investments," for further details.

The following tables set forth the reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance for the Level 3 recurring fair value measurements (in thousands):

	Available for Sale Debt Securities	
	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Beginning balance	\$ 313,991	\$ 289,307
PIK dividends	19,830	36,311
Cash received for tax liability	(7,820)	(11,627)
Cash proceeds from redemption of preferred equity	(288,000)	—
Realized loss from redemption of preferred equity	(38,001)	—
Ending balance	\$ —	\$ 313,991

NOTE 24—Related Party Transactions:

Our consolidated statements of (loss) income include sales to and purchases from unconsolidated affiliates in the ordinary course of business as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Sales to unconsolidated affiliates	\$ 16,344	\$ 30,090	\$ 35,676
Purchases from unconsolidated affiliates ^(a)	\$ 585,402	\$ 643,293	\$ 3,652,784

- (a) Purchases from unconsolidated affiliates primarily relate to spodumene purchased from the Company's Windfield joint venture. The decrease from 2024 and 2023 primarily related to lower lithium market prices.

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Our consolidated balance sheets include accounts receivable due from and payable to unconsolidated affiliates in the ordinary course of business as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Receivables from unconsolidated affiliates	\$ 2,643	\$ 11,950
Payables to unconsolidated affiliates ^(a)	\$ 134,369	\$ 150,432

(a) Payables to unconsolidated affiliates primarily relate to spodumene purchased from the Company's Windfield joint venture under normal payment terms.

NOTE 25—Segment and Geographic Area Information:

The Company has three operating and reportable segments, which are: (1) Energy Storage; (2) Specialties; and (3) Ketjen. The segments are organized based on their similar markets, customers, economic characteristics and production processes. The organizational structure facilitates the continued standardization of business processes across the organization, and is consistent with the manner in which information is presently used internally by the Company's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, who is the Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), to evaluate performance and make resource allocation decisions.

In 2025, the Company signed definitive agreements to divest the controlling ownership interest of its Refining Solutions business and its remaining ownership interest in the Eurecat S.A. joint venture, both within the Ketjen segment. The Eurecat S.A. transaction was completed on January 23, 2026 and the Company expects the Refining Solutions business transaction to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, subject to customary closing conditions. Upon completion of that transaction, the Company will retain its PCS business and a 49% ownership interest in the Refining Solutions business. Until the Refining Solutions transaction is completed, the Company will continue to report the results of these businesses within the Ketjen reportable segment.

The Corporate category is not considered to be a segment and includes corporate-related items not allocated to the operating segments. Pension and other post-employment benefit ("OPEB") service cost (which represents the benefits earned by active employees during the period) and amortization of prior service cost or benefit are allocated to the reportable segments and Corporate, whereas the remaining components of pension and OPEB benefits cost or credit ("Non-operating pension and OPEB items") are included in Corporate. Segment data includes inter-segment transfers of raw materials at cost and allocations for certain corporate costs.

The CODM uses adjusted EBITDA (as defined below) to assess the ongoing performance of the Company's business segments and to allocate resources by considering the variance in the actual results to the forecasts on a monthly basis. The annual operating budget and ongoing forecasting process use adjusted EBITDA as a key metric in assessing performance of the segment. In addition, the CODM uses adjusted EBITDA for business and enterprise planning purposes and as a significant component in the calculation of performance-based compensation for management and other employees. The Company's definition of adjusted EBITDA is earnings before interest and financing expenses, income tax expenses, the proportionate share of Windfield income tax expense, depreciation and amortization, as adjusted on a consistent basis for certain non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items on a segment basis. These non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items may include acquisition and integration related costs, gains or losses on sales of businesses, gains or losses on the fair value of public equity securities, restructuring charges and asset write-offs, facility divestiture charges, certain litigation and arbitration costs and charges, goodwill and long-lived asset impairment charges, non-operating pension and OPEB items and other significant non-recurring items. This calculation is consistent with the definition of adjusted EBITDA used in the leverage financial covenant calculation in the Company's credit agreement, which is a material agreement for the Company and aligns the information presented to various stakeholders.

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See below for a reconciliation of segment Net sales to adjusted EBITDA by segment showing significant segment expenses regularly reviewed by the CODM for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Energy Storage	Specialties	Ketjen	Total Segments
Year Ended December 31, 2025				
Net sales ^(a)	\$ 2,710,035	\$ 1,366,435	\$ 1,066,263	\$ 5,142,733
Cost of goods sold ^(b)	(2,084,515)	(948,295)	(819,323)	(3,852,133)
Selling, general and administrative expenses ^(b)	(185,773)	(87,981)	(95,809)	(369,563)
Other segment items ^(c)	(7,785)	(9,002)	(26,962)	(43,749)
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments ^(d)	265,253	—	26,229	291,482
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	(45,418)	—	(45,418)
Adjusted EBITDA by segment	<u>\$ 697,215</u>	<u>\$ 275,739</u>	<u>\$ 150,398</u>	<u>\$ 1,123,352</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2024				
Net sales ^(a)	\$ 3,015,121	\$ 1,325,983	\$ 1,036,422	\$ 5,377,526
Cost of goods sold ^(b)	(2,992,566)	(935,017)	(810,319)	(4,737,902)
Selling, general and administrative expenses ^(b)	(249,805)	(93,533)	(90,653)	(433,991)
Other segment items ^(c)	(25,101)	(25,676)	(26,852)	(77,629)
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments ^(d)	1,009,891	—	22,468	1,032,359
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	(43,253)	—	(43,253)
Adjusted EBITDA by segment	<u>\$ 757,540</u>	<u>\$ 228,504</u>	<u>\$ 131,066</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,110</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2023				
Net sales ^(a)	\$ 7,078,998	\$ 1,482,425	\$ 1,055,780	\$ 9,617,203
Cost of goods sold ^(b)	(6,205,403)	(961,177)	(847,018)	(8,013,598)
Selling, general and administrative expenses ^(b)	(266,190)	(100,173)	(94,387)	(460,750)
Other segment items ^(c)	(22,632)	(25,719)	(30,972)	(79,323)
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments ^(d)	2,596,820	—	20,469	2,617,289
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	(96,850)	—	(96,850)
Adjusted EBITDA by segment	<u>\$ 3,181,593</u>	<u>\$ 298,506</u>	<u>\$ 103,872</u>	<u>\$ 3,583,971</u>

(a) Intersegment sales are not considered material.

(b) The significant expense categories and amounts align with the segment information that is regularly provided to the CODM. Excludes depreciation and amortization, and non-operating, non-recurring or unusual items as described in the reconciliation of total segment adjusted EBITDA to consolidated Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation below.

(c) Other segment items are comprised of Research and development expenses excluding depreciation and amortization.

(d) Excludes Albemarle's 49% ownership interest in the income tax expense of the Windfield joint venture.

The Company reconciles the total segment adjusted EBITDA to the consolidated Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation given the impact of equity in net income from unconsolidated investments, the majority of which relates to the Windfield joint venture. This reconciliation reflects the strategic and operational significance of the Company's joint ventures and aligns with our allocation of equity in net income from unconsolidated investments at the segment level, representing each segment's contribution to the Company's overall financial performance. See below for a reconciliation of total segment adjusted EBITDA to consolidated Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation (in thousands):

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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Total segment adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,123,352	\$ 1,117,110	\$ 3,583,971
Corporate expenses, net	(25,359)	22,668	(37,983)
Depreciation and amortization	(658,678)	(588,638)	(429,944)
Interest and financing expenses ^(a)	(207,651)	(165,619)	(116,072)
Income tax expense	(156,881)	(87,085)	(430,277)
Proportionate share of Windfield income tax expense ^(b)	(94,549)	(299,193)	(779,703)
Gain on change in interest in properties/sale of business, net ^(c)	—	—	71,190
Acquisition and integration related costs ^(d)	(8,303)	(6,223)	(26,767)
Restructuring charges and asset write-offs ^(e)	(7,893)	(1,180,806)	(9,491)
Goodwill impairment ^(f)	(181,070)	—	(6,765)
Long-lived asset impairment ^(g)	(245,600)	—	—
Non-operating pension and OPEB items	(17,710)	11,335	7,971
Gain (loss) in fair value of public equity securities ^(h)	11,137	(70,758)	(44,732)
Legal accrual ⁽ⁱ⁾	—	—	(218,510)
Other ^(j)	(41,423)	67,760	10,588
Net (loss) income attributable to Albemarle Corporation	<u>\$ (510,628)</u>	<u>\$ (1,179,449)</u>	<u>\$ 1,573,476</u>

(a) Includes a loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$7.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2025. See Note 12, "Long-term Debt," for additional information.

(b) Albemarle's 49% ownership interest in the reported income tax expense of the Windfield joint venture.

(c) Gain recorded during the year ended December 31, 2023 resulting from the restructuring of the MARBL joint venture with MRL. See Note 8, "Investments," for further details.

(d) Costs related to the acquisition, integration and potential divestitures for various significant projects, recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A").

(e) See Note 17, "Restructuring Charges and Asset Write-offs," for further details.

(f) See Note 2, "Divestitures," and Note 10, "Goodwill and Other Intangibles," for further details.

(g) See Note 2, "Divestitures," for further details.

(h) Represents the net change in fair value of investments in public equity securities for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2023, recorded in Other income, net. The year ended December 31, 2024 included losses of \$37.0 million and \$33.7 million, recorded in Other income, net, resulting from the net change in fair value of investments in public equity securities and the sale of investments in public equity securities, respectively.

(i) Loss recorded in SG&A for the agreements to resolve a previously disclosed legal matter with the DOJ and SEC during the year ended December 31, 2023. See Note 15, "Commitments and Contingencies," for further details.

(j) Included amounts for the year ended December 31, 2025 recorded in:

- Cost of goods sold - \$4.8 million related to the write-off of assets damaged in a severe weather incident in Jordan.
- SG&A - \$9.2 million related to the write-off of assets damaged in a severe weather incident in Jordan, \$3.1 million of severance expenses not related to a restructuring plan, \$2.2 million related to the write-off of certain fixed assets, \$2.0 million of expenses related to certain historical legal matters and \$1.4 million of expenses related to the redemption of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, partially offset by \$13.3 million of gains from the sale of assets not part of our production operations.
- Other income, net - \$38.0 million loss resulting from the redemption of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, \$14.3 million loss related to the sale of our ownership interest in the Nippon Aluminum Alkyls joint venture and \$1.9 million of charges for asset retirement obligations at a site not part of our operations, partially offset by \$19.8 million of income from PIK dividends of the preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary prior to redemption and a \$2.4 million gain primarily resulting from the adjustment of indemnification related to previously disposed businesses.

Included amounts for the year ended December 31, 2024 recorded in:

- Cost of goods sold - \$1.4 million of expenses related to non-routine labor and compensation related costs that are outside normal compensation arrangements.
- SG&A - \$5.3 million of expenses related to certain historical legal and environmental matters.
- Other income, net - \$40.9 million of gains from the sale of assets at a site not part of our operations, \$36.3 million of income from PIK dividends of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, a \$1.8 million net gain primarily resulting from the adjustment of indemnification related to previously disposed businesses and a \$0.6 million gain from an updated cost estimate of an environmental reserve at a site not part of our operations, partially offset by \$2.9 million of charges for asset retirement obligations at a site not part of our operations and \$2.1 million of a loss related to the fair value adjustment of a nonmarketable security investment.

Included amounts for the year ended December 31, 2023 recorded in:

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- Cost of goods sold - \$15.1 million loss recorded to settle an arbitration matter with a regulatory agency in Chile, partially offset by a \$4.1 million gain from an updated cost estimate of an environmental reserve at a site not part of our operations.
- SG&A - \$2.3 million of facility closure expenses related to offices in Germany, \$1.9 million of charges primarily for environmental reserves at sites not part of our operations and \$1.8 million of various expenses including for certain legal costs and shortfall contributions for a multiemployer plan financial improvement plan.
- Other income, net - \$19.3 million gain from PIK dividends of preferred equity in a Grace subsidiary, a \$7.3 million gain resulting from insurance proceeds of a prior legal matter and \$5.5 million of gains from the sale of investments and the write-off of certain liabilities no longer required, partially offset by \$3.6 million of charges for asset retirement obligations at a site not part of our operations and \$0.9 million of a loss resulting from the adjustment of indemnification related to previously disposed businesses.

Identifiable assets by segment as of December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 were as follows (in thousands):

	December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Assets:			
Energy Storage	\$ 11,086,694	\$ 11,285,847	\$ 13,246,412
Specialties	2,067,191	1,843,564	1,696,307
Ketjen ^(a)	1,146,671	1,426,189	1,355,743
Total segment assets	14,300,556	14,555,600	16,298,462
Corporate	2,073,655	2,054,049	1,972,190
Total assets	\$ 16,374,211	\$ 16,609,649	\$ 18,270,652

- (a) Ketjen assets include the Refining Solutions business assets reported as held for sale on the consolidated balance sheet, the investment in Eurecat joint venture divested on January 23, 2026 and the PCS business assets.

Additional segment information for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 was as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Depreciation and amortization:			
Energy Storage	\$ 497,903	\$ 434,916	\$ 258,436
Specialties	105,390	95,043	86,673
Ketjen	46,504	51,488	76,023
Total segment depreciation and amortization	649,797	581,447	421,132
Corporate	8,881	7,191	8,812
Total depreciation and amortization	\$ 658,678	\$ 588,638	\$ 429,944
Equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax):			
Energy Storage	\$ 184,669	\$ 705,378	\$ 1,822,620
Ketjen	26,229	22,468	20,469
Total segment equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax)	210,898	727,846	1,843,089
Corporate ^(a)	32,846	(12,413)	10,993
Total equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax)	\$ 243,744	\$ 715,433	\$ 1,854,082
Capital expenditures:			
Energy Storage ^(b)	\$ 284,100	\$ 1,225,748	\$ 1,757,701
Specialties	171,243	257,673	214,039
Ketjen	120,161	163,921	132,510
Total segment capital expenditures	575,504	1,647,342	2,104,250
Corporate	14,297	33,187	50,292
Total capital expenditures	\$ 589,801	\$ 1,680,529	\$ 2,154,542

- (a) Corporate equity in net income of unconsolidated investments (net of tax) relates to foreign exchange gains or losses from the Windfield joint venture.

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- (b) Energy Storage capital expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 include adjustments to correct previously identified immaterial errors. See Note 1, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," for further details.

The following table summarizes the Company's net sales by geographic area for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
Net Sales^(a):			
United States	\$ 890,498	\$ 901,870	\$ 930,838
South Korea	789,547	912,376	3,125,372
China	2,026,293	1,961,143	2,851,809
Japan	359,631	589,268	1,396,360
Other ^(b)	1,076,764	1,012,869	1,312,824
Total	\$ 5,142,733	\$ 5,377,526	\$ 9,617,203

(a) Net sales are attributed to countries based upon shipments to final destination.

(b) Net sales to any other country are individually immaterial.

During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, no customer represented greater than 10% of the Company's consolidated net sales. During the year ended December 31, 2023, one customer in the Energy Storage business represented approximately 12% of the Company's consolidated net sales.

The following table summarizes the Company's long-lived assets by geographic area for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 as follows (in thousands):

	As of December 31,		
	2025	2024	2023
	(In thousands)		
Long-Lived Assets^(a):			
United States	\$ 1,810,967	\$ 2,134,371	\$ 1,912,243
Australia	3,895,577	3,943,847	4,610,963
Chile	2,167,720	2,253,647	2,258,619
China	990,536	966,785	819,119
Jordan	327,439	309,148	292,870
Netherlands	—	177,587	186,963
Germany	111,946	90,367	91,979
France	68,285	59,815	56,876
Brazil	—	29,733	33,730
Other foreign countries	59,673	92,655	87,489
Total	\$ 9,432,143	\$ 10,057,955	\$ 10,350,851

- (a) Long-lived assets are comprised of the Company's Property, plant and equipment and joint ventures included in Investments. The balances of long-lived assets as of December 31, 2025 exclude assets held for sale.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

NONE

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information

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required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's report on internal control over financial reporting and the independent registered public accounting firm's report are included in Item 8 under the captions entitled "Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" and "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and are incorporated herein by reference.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

No changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2025 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information.

On October 25, 2025, Albemarle determined that the Refining Solutions business met the criteria to be classified as held for sale in Albemarle's consolidated financial statements. Upon classification as held for sale, the Refining Solutions business is measured at the lower of its carrying amount or its fair value less costs to sell. In connection with, and using the key terms of the divestiture agreement through the filing date of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company performed a valuation analysis of the fair value of the Refining Solutions business. As a result, the Company recorded a pre-tax \$245.6 million non-cash long-lived asset impairment charge to reduce the carrying amount of the Refining Solutions business to its fair value less costs to sell during the year ended December 31, 2025. The fair value of the Refining Solutions business was measured using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model using key assumptions such as equity volatility, a risk-free rate and certain terms of the agreement. The considerations used are based on current terms, estimates and assumptions and may change as the transactions progress, which could affect the carrying amount reported for the Refining Solutions reporting unit and could result in future impairment charges in the consolidated financial statements.

In connection with the Company's ongoing review of its cost and operating structure, on February 6, 2026 the Company determined it will put Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance. As a result, the Company expects to record cash-related charges primarily in 2026 in the range of approximately \$150 million to \$225 million, of which approximately \$75 million to \$90 million consists of decommissioning costs and approximately \$20 million to \$30 million of asset disposal costs, with the remainder related to contract cancellation costs, severance and other associated charges resulting from placing Kemerton Train 1 into care and maintenance (the "Cost Actions"). The Company's estimated range of the charges for these Cost Actions takes into account initial estimates for these activities and could change as the actions progress. The majority of the Cost Actions associated with these charges are expected to be completed in 2026, with the remainder expected to be completed in 2027.

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions That Prevent Inspections.

NONE

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The information required by this Item 10 will be contained in the proxy statement for the Company's 2026 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders (the "2026 Proxy Statement") and is incorporated herein by reference. See "Executive Officers of the Registrant" appearing after Item 4 in Part I of this Annual Report for information regarding executive officers of the Company.

Code of Conduct

We have adopted a code of conduct and ethics for directors, officers and employees, known as the Albemarle Code of Conduct. The Albemarle Code of Conduct is available on our website, www.albemarle.com. Shareholders may also request a free copy of the Albemarle Code of Conduct from: Albemarle Corporation, Attention: Investor Relations, 4250 Congress Street, Suite 900, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209. We will disclose any amendments to, or waivers from, a provision of our Code of Conduct that applies to the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions that relates to any element of the Code of Conduct as defined in Item 406 of Regulation S-K by posting such information on our website.

New York Stock Exchange Certifications

Because our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”), our Chief Executive Officer is required to make, and he has made, an annual certification to the NYSE stating that he was not aware of any violation by us of the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE. Our Chief Executive Officer made his annual certification to that effect to the NYSE as of May 28, 2025. In addition, we have filed, as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the certifications of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer required under Sections 906 and 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the quality of our public disclosure.

Additional information will be contained in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this Item 11 will be contained in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this Item 12 will be contained in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this Item 13 will be contained in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item 14 will be contained in the 2026 Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a)(1) The following consolidated financial and informational statements of the registrant are included in Part II Item 8 on pages 85 to 145:

Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (PCAOB ID 238)

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2025 and 2024

Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income, Comprehensive (Loss) Income, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023

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(a)(2) No financial statement schedules are provided in accordance with Item 15(a)(2) as the information is either not applicable, not required or has been furnished in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.

(a)(3) Exhibits

The following documents are filed as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

- 2.1 [Stock Purchase Agreement, by and among Albemarle Corporation, Ketjen Corporation and ChemCat AcquisitionCo, LLC, dated as of October 25, 2025 \[filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on October 27, 2025 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 3.1 [Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Albemarle Corporation \[restated electronically for SEC filing purposes only\] \[filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 3.2 [Amended and Restated Bylaws, effective October 23, 2023, of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on October 26, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.1 [Indenture, dated as of January 20, 2005, between Albemarle Corporation and The Bank of New York, as trustee \[filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on January 20, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.2 [Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 24, 2014, among Albemarle Corporation, Albemarle Holdings Corporation \(now Rockwood Holdings, Inc.\) and Albemarle Holdings II Corporation \(now Rockwood Specialties Group, Inc.\) and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee \[filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 24, 2014, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.3 [Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 29, 2015, among Albemarle Corporation, Rockwood Holdings, Inc. \(as successor by merger to Albemarle Holdings Corporation\), Rockwood Specialties Group, Inc. \(as successor by merger to Albemarle Holdings II Corporation\), The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association, as successor to The Bank of New York, as resigning trustee, and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee \[filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on January 29, 2015, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.4 [Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2019, among Albemarle Corporation, Albemarle Wodgina Pty Ltd and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee \[filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 25, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.5 [Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated March 30, 2021, among Albemarle Corporation, Albemarle New Holding GmbH, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee \[filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on March 31, 2021, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.6 [Form of Global Security for the 5.450% Senior Notes due 2044 \[filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 24, 2014, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.7 [Form of 3.450% Note due 2029 \[filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 25, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.8 [Form of 1.625% Note due 2028 \[filed as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 25, 2019, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.9 [Form of 4.650% Senior Notes due 2027 \[filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 13, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.10 [Form of 5.050% Senior Notes due 2032 \[filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 13, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.11 [Form of 5.650% Senior Notes due 2052 \[filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 13, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 4.12 [Description of Securities \[filed as Exhibit 4.13 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)

- 10.1# [2013 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Annex A to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A \(No. 1-12658\) filed on March 28, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.2# [First Amendment to the 2013 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on August 5, 2016, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.3# [Second Amendment to the 2013 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on August 5, 2020, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.4# [Third Amendment to the 2013 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Exhibit 10.56 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 19, 2021 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.5# [Fourth Amendment to the 2013 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on August 4, 2021, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.6# [Albemarle Corporation 2023 Stock Compensation and Deferral Election Plan for Non-Employee Directors of Albemarle Corporation \[filed as Annex A to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A \(No. 1-12658\) filed on March 21, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.7# [Albemarle Corporation 2008 Incentive Plan, as amended and restated as of April 20, 2010 \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 \(No. 333-166828\) filed on May 14, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.8# [Form of Notice of Option Grant under the Albemarle Corporation 2008 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on March 2, 2016, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.9# [Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan, adopted May 12, 2017 \[filed as Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement filed on March 30, 2017, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.10# [Form of Notice of Option Grant under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 9, 2018, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.11# [Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 28, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.12# [Form of Adjusted ROIC Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 28, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.13# [Form of TSR Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 28, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.14# [Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 28, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.15# [Form of Special Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 28, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)

- 10.16# [Form of Notice of Special Retention Restricted Stock Unit Award under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 2, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.17# [Form of Stock Option Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 24, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.18# [Form of rTSR Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 24, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.19# [Form of ROIC Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 24, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.20# [Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 24, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.21# [Form of Special Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 24, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.22# [Form of Stock Option Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on April 30, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.23# [Form of Performance Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on April 30, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.24# [Form of Annual Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on April 30, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.25# [Form of Special Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Albemarle Corporation 2017 Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on April 30, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.26# [Amended and Restated Albemarle Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, effective as of January 1, 2005 \[filed as Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.27# [First Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, dated December 1, 2010 \[filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.28# [Second Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, dated December 18, 2011 \[filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.29# [Third Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, dated December 2, 2013 \[filed as Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)

- 10.30# [Albemarle Corporation Severance Pay Plan, as revised effective as of December 13, 2006 \[filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on December 18, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.31# [Form of Severance Compensation Agreement \(Pension-Eligible Employees\) \[filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.32# [Form of Severance Compensation Agreement \(Non-Pension-Eligible Employees\) \[filed as Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.33# [Form of Amendment to Severance Compensation Agreement \[filed as Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.34# [Form of Executive Change in Control Agreement \[filed as Exhibit 10.30 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.35# [Amended and Restated Albemarle Corporation Benefits Protection Trust, effective as of December 13, 2006 \[filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on December 18, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.36# [Albemarle Corporation Employee Relocation Policy \[filed as Exhibit 10.33 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2008 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.37# [Amended and Restated Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, effective as of January 1, 2013 \[filed as Exhibit 10.23 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.38# [First Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of November 14, 2014 \[filed as Exhibit 10.24 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.39# [Second Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of February 12, 2015 \[filed as Exhibit 10.28 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.40# [Third Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of July 31, 2015 \[filed as Exhibit 10.29 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.41# [Fourth Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of December 17, 2015 \[filed as Exhibit 10.30 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.42# [Fifth Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of March 31, 2017 \[filed as Exhibit 10.38 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.43# [Sixth Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of July 5, 2017 \[filed as Exhibit 10.39 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.44# [Seventh Amendment to the Albemarle Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, dated as of November 9, 2017 \[filed as Exhibit 10.40 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)

- 10.45# [Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement, dated March 15, 2023, between the Company and J. Kent Masters \[filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 3, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.46# [Amended and Restated Severance Compensation Agreement, dated March 15, 2023, between the Company and J. Kent Masters \[filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 3, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.47# [Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement, dated July 30, 2025, between the Company and J. Kent Masters \[filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 5, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.48# [Amended and Restated Severance Compensation Agreement, dated July 30, 2025, between the Company and J. Kent Masters \[filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 5, 2025, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.49 [Sale, Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated February 25, 2021 among Albemarle Corporation, W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn and Fine Chemical Manufacturing Services LLC \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on May 5, 2021, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.50 [Second Amendment and Restatement Agreement, dated as of December 10, 2021, among Albemarle Corporation, the Lenders Party hereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent \[filed as Exhibit 10.62 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 18, 2022 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.51 [Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2022, among Albemarle Corporation, certain other subsidiaries of the Company, the Lenders Party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent for the Lenders \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 2, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.52 [First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2024, among Albemarle Corporation, certain other subsidiaries of the Company, the Lenders Party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent for the Lenders \[filed as Exhibit 10.52 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 15, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.53 [Form of Employee Non-Solicitation, Non-Compete and Confidentiality Agreement \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on March 9, 2022 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.54# [Albemarle Corporation Amended and Restated Compensation Recoupment and Forfeiture Policy, effective as of December 1, 2023 \[filed as Exhibit 10.54 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 15, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.55# [Albemarle Corporation Executive Officer Severance Plan, effective July 22, 2025 \(as amended October 27, 2025\) \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 5, 2025 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.56# [Ketjen Corporation Amended and Restated Cumulative Free Cash Flow Incentive Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 5, 2025 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 10.57# [Ketjen Corporation Amended and Restated Transaction Value Plan \[filed as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q \(No. 1-12658\) filed on November 5, 2025 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 19 [Albemarle Corporation Insider Trading Policy, effective as of October 4, 2024 \[filed as Exhibit 19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 \(No. 1-12658\), and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)

- 21.1* [Subsidiaries of the Company.](#)
- 23.1* [Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.](#)
- 23.2* [Consent of SRK Consulting \(U.S\), Inc. regarding lithium reserves and resources.](#)
- 23.3* [Consent of Fastmarkets Group Limited regarding market studies for lithium reserves and resources.](#)
- 23.4* [Consent of SLR International Corporation regarding lithium reserves and resources.](#)
- 23.5* [Consent of RPS Energy Canada Ltd regarding bromine reserves and resources.](#)
- 23.6* [Consent of RESPEC Company, LLC regarding bromine reserves and resources.](#)
- 31.1* [Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-15\(e\) and 15d-15\(e\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.](#)
- 31.2* [Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-15\(e\) and 15d-15\(e\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.](#)
- 32.1* [Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 32.2* [Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 96.1* [SEC Technical Report Summary, Greenbushes Mine, Western Australia, prepared by SLR USA Advisory Inc., dated February 11, 2026.](#)
- 96.2* [SEC Technical Report Summary, Wodgina Operation, Western Australia, prepared by SLR USA Advisory Inc., dated February 11, 2026.](#)
- 96.3* [SEC Technical Report Summary, Prefeasibility Study, Salar de Atacama Region II, Chile, prepared by SRK Consulting \(U.S\), Inc., dated February 9, 2026.](#)
- 96.4 [SEC Technical Report Summary Prefeasibility Study, Silver Peak Lithium Operation, Nevada, USA, prepared by SRK Consulting \(U.S\), Inc., dated February 8, 2025 \[filed as Exhibit 96.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 12, 2025 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 96.5* [SEC Technical Report Summary for Jordan Bromine Operation, prepared by RESPEC Consulting Inc., dated February 5, 2026.](#)
- 96.6* [SEC Technical Report Summary for Magnolia Field Bromine Reserves, prepared by RPS Energy Canada Ltd, dated February 11, 2026.](#)
- 97 [Albemarle Corporation Incentive-Based Compensation Recovery Policy, effective as of December 1, 2023 \[filed as Exhibit 97 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K \(No. 1-12658\) filed on February 15, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\].](#)
- 101* Interactive Data Files (Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025, furnished in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language)).

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following documents formatted in XBRL: (i) the Consolidated Statements of (Loss) Income for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, (iii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2025 and 2024, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2025, 2024 and 2023 and (vi) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

104* Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

* Included with this filing.

(c) In accordance with Regulation S-X Rule 3-09, the financial statements of Windfield Holdings Pty. Ltd. ("Windfield") for the year ended December 31, 2025, Windfield's fiscal year end, will be filed by amendment to this Annual Report on Form 10-K on or before June 30, 2026.

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary.

NONE

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ J. KENT MASTERS
(J. Kent Masters)
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 11, 2026

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated as of February 11, 2026.

Signature	Title
<u>/s/ J. KENT MASTERS</u> (J. Kent Masters)	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
<u>/s/ NEAL R. SHEOREY</u> (Neal R. Sheorey)	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)
<u>/s/ DONALD J. LABAUVE</u> (Donald. J. LaBauve)	Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)
<u>/s/ M. LAUREN BRLAS</u> (M. Lauren Brlas)	Director
<u>/s/ RALF H. CRAMER</u> (Ralf H. Cramer)	Director
<u>/s/ GLENDA J. MINOR</u> (Glenda J. Minor)	Director
<u>/s/ JAMES J. O'BRIEN</u> (James J. O'Brien)	Director
<u>/s/ DIARMUID B. O'CONNELL</u> (Diarmuid B. O'Connell)	Director
<u>/s/ GERALD A. STEINER</u> (Gerald A. Steiner)	Director
<u>/s/ HOLLY A. VAN DEURSEN</u> (Holly A. Van Deursen)	Director
<u>/s/ ALEJANDRO D. WOLFF</u> (Alejandro D. Wolff)	Director

SUBSIDIARIES OF ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF FORMATION</u>
ACI Cyprus, L.L.C.	Delaware
Albemarle Amendments, LLC	Delaware
Albemarle Argentina S.R.L.	Argentina
Albemarle Chemical Canada Ltd.	Canada
Albemarle Chemicals (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	China
Albemarle Chemicals Ltd	Cyprus
Albemarle Chemicals SAS	France
Albemarle Chemicals Trading Ltd	United Arab Emirates
Albemarle Delaware Holdings 1 LLC	Delaware
Albemarle Delaware Holdings 2 LLC	Delaware
Albemarle Dutch Holdings B.V.	Netherlands
Albemarle Europe SRL	Belgium
Albemarle Finance Company B.V.	Netherlands
Albemarle Foundation	Virginia
Albemarle Germany GmbH	Germany
Albemarle Hilfe GmbH Unterstützungskasse	Germany
Albemarle Holdings Company Limited	Turks & Caicos
Albemarle Holdings Limited	Hong Kong
Albemarle Hungary Ltd.	Hungary
Albemarle India New Materials Private Limited	India
Albemarle Italy S.r.l.	Italy
Albemarle Japan Corporation	Japan
Albemarle Japan Holdings B.V.	Netherlands
Albemarle Knight Lux 1 Holdings Corporation	Delaware
Albemarle Korea Corporation	Korea
Albemarle Limitada	Chile
Albemarle Lithium Holding Corporation	Delaware
Albemarle Lithium Holding GmbH	Germany
Albemarle Lithium Pty Ltd	Australia
Albemarle Lithium Spain S.L.	Spain
Albemarle Lithium UK Limited	United Kingdom
Albemarle Management (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	China
Albemarle Middle East FZE	United Arab Emirates
Albemarle Netherlands B.V.	Netherlands
Albemarle New Holding GmbH	Germany
Albemarle Overseas Employment Corporation	Virginia
Albemarle PCS Holding Company LLC	Delaware
Albemarle PCS LLC	Delaware
Albemarle Sichuan New Materials Co., Ltd.	China
Albemarle Specialties Trading Company	Saudi Arabia
Albemarle Specialty Products Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Singapore
Albemarle Taiwan Limited	Taiwan
Albemarle U.S., Inc.	Delaware
Albemarle Wodgina Pty Ltd	Australia

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF FORMATION</u>
CMC Lithium Pty Ltd	Australia
Excalibur Realty Company	Delaware
Foote Chile Holding Company	Delaware
Foote Minera e Inversiones Limitada	Chile
Guangxi Albemarle Lithium Co., Ltd.	China
Jiangxi Albemarle Lithium Co., Ltd.	China
Jordan Bromine Company Ltd.	Jordan
Ketjen Arabia Company	Saudi Arabia
Ketjen Belgium SRL	Belgium
Ketjen Brazil Holdings Limitada	Brazil
Ketjen Brazil Limitada	Brazil
Ketjen Canada Limited	Canada
Ketjen Catalysts (Shanghai) Company Limited	China
Ketjen Corporation	Delaware
Ketjen Hungary Limited Liability Company	Hungary
Ketjen India Private Limited	India
Ketjen Italy S.r.l.	Italy
Ketjen Japan GK	Japan
Ketjen Korea Limited	Republic of Korea
Ketjen Limited Liability Company	Delaware
Ketjen Malaysia Sdn Bhd.	Malaysia
Ketjen Middle East Trading Company - L.L.C.	United Arab Emirates
Ketjen Netherlands B.V.	Netherlands
Ketjen Netherlands Holdings B.V.	Netherlands
Ketjen Netherlands Holdings 2 B.V.	Netherlands
Ketjen Singapore Private Limited	Singapore
Ketjen Spain, S.L.	Spain
Ketjen Taiwan Company Limited	Taiwan
Ketjen (Thailand) Co., Ltd.	Thailand
Ketjen UK Limited	United Kingdom
Ketjen Vietnam Limited Liability Company	Vietnam
Knight Lux 1 S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
Knight Lux 2 S.à r.l.	Luxembourg
LiBrA Insurance Company, Inc.	North Carolina
Metalon Environmental Management & Solutions GmbH	Germany
PT Ketjen Catalysts Indonesia	Indonesia
Rockwood Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Rockwood Lithium Japan K.K.	Japan
Rockwood Lithium Korea LLC	Republic of Korea
Rockwood Lithium (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	China
Rockwood Lithium Taiwan Co., Ltd.	Taiwan
Rockwood Specialties GmbH	Germany
Rockwood Specialties Group, LLC	Delaware
Rockwood Specialties LLC	Delaware
Rockwood Specialties Limited	United Kingdom
RSG Immobilien GmbH	Germany

NAME

RT Lithium Limited

Sales de Magnesio Limitada

Shandong Sinobrom Albemarle Bromine Chemicals Company Limited

Sichuan Guorun New Materials Co., Ltd.

Titus Minerals Pty Ltd

Western Lithium Pty Ltd

PLACE OF FORMATION

United Kingdom

Chile

China

China

Australia

Australia

Exhibit 23.1

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (No. 333-269815) and on Form S-8 (No. 333-150694, 333-166828, 333-188599, 333-223167 and 333-271578) of Albemarle Corporation of our report dated February 11, 2026 relating to the financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina
February 11, 2026

February 11, 2026

CONSENT OF QUALIFIED PERSON

SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc. ("SRK"), in connection with Albemarle Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the "Form 10-K"), consents to:

- the public filing by the Company and use of:
 1. the technical report titled "SEC Technical Report Summary Prefeasibility Study Salar de Atacama Region II, Chile" (the "Salar de Atacama Technical Report Summary"), with an effective date of June 30, 2025 and dated February 9, 2026; and
 2. the technical report titled "SEC Technical Report Summary Prefeasibility Study Silver Peak Lithium Operation Nevada, USA" (the "Silver Peak Technical Report Summary" and together with the Salar de Atacama Technical Report Summary, the "Technical Report Summaries"), with an effective date of June 30, 2024 and dated February 8, 2025 (which has been used as the basis to inform the updated resources and reserves as of December 31, 2025)

that were prepared in accordance with Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K (with the exception of the Silver Peak Technical Report Summary, which was filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2025);

- the incorporation by reference of the Technical Report Summaries into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-269815) and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-150694, 333-166828, 333-188599, 333-223167 and 333-271578) (collectively, the "Registration Statements");
- the use of and references to our name, including our status as an expert or "qualified person" (as defined in Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission), in connection with the Form 10-K, the Registration Statements and the Technical Report Summaries; and
- any extracts from or a summary of the Technical Report Summaries in the Form 10-K and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements and the use of any information derived, summarized, quoted, or referenced from the Technical Report Summaries, or portions thereof, to the extent that was prepared by us, that we supervised the preparation of, and/or that was reviewed and approved by us, that is included or incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K and Registration Statements.

SRK is responsible for authoring, and this consent pertains to, the Technical Report Summaries. SRK certifies that it has read the Form 10-K and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the Technical Report Summaries for which it is responsible.

/s/ SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc.

SRK Consulting (U.S.), Inc.

February 11, 2026

CONSENT OF QUALIFIED PERSON

Fastmarkets Group Limited ("Fastmarkets"), in connection with Albemarle Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the "Form 10-K"), consents to:

- the public filing by the Company and use of:
 1. the technical report titled "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary, Greenbushes Mine, Western Australia" (the "Greenbushes Technical Report Summary"), which contains Fastmarkets' report on market studies in Section 16 thereof (the "Greenbushes Market Studies Report") with an effective date of June 30, 2025 and dated February 11, 2026;
 2. the technical report titled "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary, Wodgina Operation, Western Australia" (the "Wodgina Technical Report Summary"), which contains Fastmarkets' report on market studies in Section 16 thereof (the "Wodgina Market Studies Report"), with an effective date of June 30, 2024 and dated February 11, 2026;
 3. the technical report titled "SEC Technical Report Summary Prefeasibility Study Salar de Atacama Region II, Chile" (the "Salar de Atacama Technical Report Summary"), which contains Fastmarkets' report on market studies in Section 16 thereof (the "Salar Market Studies Report") with an effective date of June 30, 2025 and dated February 9, 2026; and
 4. the technical report titled "SEC Technical Report Summary Prefeasibility Study Silver Peak Lithium Operation Nevada, USA" (the "Silver Peak Technical Report Summary"), which contains Fastmarkets' report on market studies in Section 16 thereof (the "Silver Peak Market Studies Report" and together with the Greenbushes Market Studies Report, the Wodgina Market Studies Report and the Salar Market Studies Report, the "Market Studies Reports") with an effective date of June 30, 2024 and dated February 8, 2025

that were prepared in accordance with Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as exhibits to this Form 10-K (with the exception of the Silver Peak Technical Report Summary, which was filed as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2025);

- the incorporation by reference of the Market Studies Reports into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-269815) and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-150694, 333-166828, 333-188599, 333-223167 and 333-271578) (collectively, the "Registration Statements");
- the use of and references to our name, including our status as an expert or "qualified person" (as defined in Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission), in connection with the Form 10-K, the Registration Statements and the Market Studies Reports; and
- any extracts from or a summary of the Market Studies Reports in the Form 10-K and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements and the use of any information derived, summarized, quoted, or referenced from the Market Studies Reports, or portions thereof, that was prepared by us, that we supervised the preparation of, and/or that was reviewed and approved by us, that is included or incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K and Registration Statements.

Fastmarkets is responsible for authoring, and this consent pertains to, the Market Studies Reports. Fastmarkets certifies that it has read the Form 10-K and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the Market Studies Reports for which it is responsible.

Fastmarkets

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By: /s/ Brian Levich

Name: Brian Levich
Title: Consultancy Director - Fastmarkets

February 11, 2026

CONSENT OF QUALIFIED PERSON

SLR USA Advisory Inc. (previously known as RPM Global USA, Inc.) ("SLR"), in connection with Albemarle Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the "Form 10-K"), consents to:

- the public filing by the Company and use of:
 1. the technical report titled "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary, Greenbushes Mine, Western Australia" (the "Greenbushes Technical Report Summary"), with an effective date of June 30, 2025 and dated February 11, 2026; and
 2. the technical report titled "S-K 1300 Technical Report Summary, Wodgina Operation, Western Australia" (the "Wodgina Technical Report Summary" and together with the Greenbushes Technical Report Summary, the "Technical Report Summaries"), with an effective date of June 30, 2025 and dated February 11, 2026

that were prepared in accordance with Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as exhibits to this Form 10-K;

- the incorporation by reference of the Technical Report Summaries into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-269815) and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-150694, 333-166828, 333-188599, 333-223167 and 333-271578) (collectively, the "Registration Statements");
- the use of and references to our name, including our status as an expert or "qualified person" (as defined in Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission), in connection with the Form 10-K, the Registration Statements and the Technical Report Summaries; and
- any extracts from or a summary of the Technical Report Summaries in the Form 10-K and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements and the use of any information derived, summarized, quoted, or referenced from the Technical Report Summaries, or portions thereof, that was prepared by us, that we supervised the preparation of, and/or that was reviewed and approved by us, that is included or incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K and Registration Statements.

SLR is responsible for authoring, and this consent pertains to, the Technical Report Summaries. SLR certifies that it has read the Form 10-K and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the Technical Report Summaries for which it is responsible.

Neither the whole nor any part of the Technical Report Summaries nor any reference thereto may be included in any other document without the prior written consent of SLR as to the form and context in which it appears.

/s/ SLR USA Advisory Inc.

SLR USA Advisory Inc.

February 11, 2026

CONSENT OF QUALIFIED PERSON

RPS Energy Canada Ltd. ("RPS"), in connection with Albemarle Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the "Form 10-K"), consents to:

- the public filing by the Company and use of the technical report titled "Magnolia Field Bromine Reserves as of December 31, 2025" (the "Magnolia Technical Report Summary"), with an effective date of December 31, 2025 and dated February 11, 2026 that was prepared in accordance with Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as an exhibit to this Form 10-K;
- the incorporation by reference of the Magnolia Technical Report Summary into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-269815) and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-150694, 333-166828, 333-188599, 333-223167 and 333-271578) (collectively, the "Registration Statements");
- the use of and references to our name, including our status as an expert or "qualified person" (as defined in Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission), in connection with the Form 10-K, the Registration Statements and the Magnolia Technical Report Summary; and
- any extracts from or a summary of the Magnolia Technical Report Summary in the Form 10-K and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements and the use of any information derived, summarized, quoted, or referenced from the Magnolia Technical Report Summary, or portions thereof, that was prepared by us, that we supervised the preparation of, and/or that was reviewed and approved by us, that is included or incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K and the Registration Statements.

RPS is responsible for authoring, and this consent pertains to, the Magnolia Technical Report Summary. RPS certifies that it has read the Form 10-K and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the Magnolia Technical Report Summary for which it is responsible.

RPS Energy Canada Ltd.

By: /s/ Michael Gallup

Name: Michael Gallup

Title: Technical Director - Engineering

February 11, 2026

CONSENT OF QUALIFIED PERSON

RESPEC Company, LLC ("RESPEC"), in connection with Albemarle Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025 (the "Form 10-K"), consents to:

- the public filing by the Company and use of the technical report titled "Technical Report Summary Jordan Bromine Operation" (the "Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary"), with an effective date of December 31, 2025 and dated February 5, 2026 that was prepared in accordance with Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, as an exhibit to this Form 10-K.
- the incorporation by reference of the Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary into the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-269815) and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-150694, 333-166828, 333-188599, 333-223167 and 333-271578) (collectively, the "Registration Statements");
- the use of and references to our name, including our status as an expert or "qualified person" (as defined in Subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission), in connection with the Form 10-K, the Registration Statements and the Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary; and
- any extracts from or a summary of the Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary in the Form 10-K and incorporated by reference in the Registration Statements and the use of any information derived, summarized, quoted, or referenced from the Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary, or portions thereof, that was prepared by us, that we supervised the preparation of, and/or that was reviewed and approved by us, that is included or incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K and the Registration Statements.

RESPEC is responsible for authoring, and this consent pertains to, the Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary. RESPEC certifies that it has read the Form 10-K and that it fairly and accurately represents the information in the Jordan Bromine Technical Report Summary for which it is responsible.

RESPEC Company, LLC

By: /s/ Susan B. Patton

Name: Susan B. Patton

Title: Principal Consultant, Mining & Energy

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, J. Kent Masters, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Albemarle Corporation for the period ended December 31, 2025;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 11, 2026

/s/ J. KENT MASTERS

J. Kent Masters

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Neal R. Sheorey, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Albemarle Corporation for the period ended December 31, 2025;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 11, 2026

/s/ NEAL R. SHEOREY

Neal R. Sheorey

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended December 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, J. Kent Masters, principal executive officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ J. KENT MASTERS

J. Kent Masters

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

February 11, 2026

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended December 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Neal R. Sheorey, principal financial officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ NEAL R. SHEOREY

Neal R. Sheorey

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

February 11, 2026

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